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WORLD OF RADIO 1946 contents:
Review of the Sangean WR-22
An American station in Honduras
Why does Station YHWH fluxuate?
Trump threatens to defund WWV time stations
Bill Turner struggles to keep KYND on the air
And XEWW 690 turning from Mexican to Chinese, communist?

SHORTWAVE AIRINGS of WORLD OF RADIO 1946, September 4-11, 2018

Tue 2030	WRMI	5950 7780 [Not aired on 7780; 5950 unknown]
Tue 2130	WRMI	5950
Tue 2330	WBCQ	9330v [not aired]
Wed 1030	WRMI	5950 [confirmed]
Wed 2100	WRMI	9955 [confirmed]
Wed 2100	WBCQ	7490v [replayed 1945 instead!]
Wed 2330	WBCQ	9330v [not aired]
Thu 2330	WBCQ	9330v [not aired]
Fri 2330	WBCQ	9330v [confirmed, but underneath Brother Scare!]
Sat 0630	HLR	6190-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 1230	WINB	9265 via Unique Radio [NEW; confirmed]
Sat 1431	HLR	6190-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio [barely confirmed]
Sat 1930v	WA0RCR	1860-AM
Sat 2130	WBCQ	9330v [maybe, or 2330?]
Sun 0310v	WA0RCR	1860-AM
Sun 1030	HLR	9485-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sun 2130	WRMI	7780
Sun 2330	WBCQ	9330v [maybe]

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Mon 0130  WRMI    5850, 7780 [canceled!]
Mon 0300v WBCQ    5130v-AM Area 51
Mon 0330  WRMI    9955
Mon 0400  WRMI    webcast only
Mon 2330  WBCQ    9330v [maybe]
Tue 0030  WRMI    7730
Tue 2030  WRMI    5950, 7780 [or #1947?]
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and webcasts with hotlinks to station sites and audio, is at:
http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html or
http://schedule.worldofradio.org or http://sked.worldofradio.org

For updates see our Anomaly Alert page:
http://www.worldofradio.com/anomaly.html

WORLD OF RADIO PODCASTS:
Tnx to Dr Harald Gabler and the Rhein-Main Radio Club.
http://www.rmrc.de/index.php/rmrc-audio-plattform/podcast/glenn-hauser-wor

ALTERNATIVE PODCASTS, tnx Stephen Cooper:
http://shortwave.am/wor.xml

ANOTHER PODCAST ALTERNATIVE, tnx to Keith Weston:
http://feeds.feedburner.com/GlennHausersWorldOfRadio

NOW tnx to Keith Weston, also Podcasts via iTunes:
https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/glenn-hausers-world-of-radio/id1123369861

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or http://wor.worldofradio.org

DAY-BY-DAY ARCHIVE OF GLENN HAUSER`S LOG REPORTS:
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them too complex, minutely researched, multi-frequency, opinionated,
inconsequential, off-topic, or lengthy for some log editors to
manage; and also ahead of their availability in these weekly issues:
http://www.hard-core-dx.com/index.php?topic=Hauser

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!! WOR IO GROUP: Effective Feb 4, 2018, DXLD yg
archive and members have been migrated to this group:
https://groups.io/g/WOR
[there was already an unrelated group at io named dxld!, so new name]
From now on, the io group is primary, where all posts should go. One

may apply for membership, subscribe via the above site.

DXLD yahoogroup: remains in existence, and members are free to COPY same info to it, as backup, but no posts should go to it only. They may want to change delivery settings to no e-mail, and/or no digest. The change was necessary due to increasing outages, long delays in posts appearing, and search failures at the yg.

Why wait for DXLD issues? A lot more info, not all of it appearing in DXLD later, is posted at our io group without delay.

NEWISH! DX LISTENING DIGEST IN PDF, HTML VERSIONS

Jacques Champagne in Ville-Marie, QuÈbec, has developed programs to convert DXLD .txt into PDF and HTML versions for his own use, and now has made them available to the rest of us. Starting with 18-24, they have been posted as attachments to the WOR iog. He says it takes about an hour to do this, once each issue is published. Merci, Jacques! (gh)

MANY THANKS ALSO TO JACQUES for help formatting original DXLD txt

** ALASKA. Glenn, Re the KICY item: The most recent granted STA for KICY provides for 50 kW operation except during the Specified Hours 50 kW directional operating time.

DX reception of KICY particularly during SH [specified hours] Russian language hours, may be explained by the most recent STA request (although as of this date, 9/2, the CDBS does not show it as granted). This most recent request, dated July 24th requests non-DA operation temporarily:

``Exhibit 38 --- Description: STA REQUEST

KICY REQUESTS SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY TO OPERATE FULL-TIME NON-DIRECTIONAL AT ITS ASSIGNED 50 KW, 24 HOURS A DAY. TOWER 3 IN THE KICY DIRECTIONAL ARRAY HAS A TUNING PROBLEM THAT REQUIRES A SITE VISIT BY KICY'S CONSULTING ENGINEER. DUE TO THE TRAVEL DISTANCE REQUIRED, THAT VISIT CANNOT BE IMMEDIATELY SCHEDULED. THE KICY DIRECTIONAL PATTERN IS VOLUNTARY AND NO OTHER BROADCAST STATION WILL BE AFFECTED BY THIS TEMPORARY CHANGE IN OPERATIONS.``

Regards, (Ben Dawson, WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA [non]. 9395, WRMI airing Radio Tirana English service with Albanian music then an interview with an English free lance writer who is now living in Albania because she 'fell in love with' Tirana. Not once did anyone mention how many hectares of wheat were grown last year or how many pigs slaughtered! ;) At 0251 "Goodbye

from Albania" into more music. At 0258 into RT's distinctive IS.

Then SS WRMI ID into English R Prague with News & weather into features re immigration in the EU & protests looking for the release of someone in custody in Prague. I pulled the plug because the approaching thunder made me think I didn't want to have an expensive radio attached to an antenna! Banging in with a full 10 kHz bandwidth & nice audio, 4+554+4+ with just a bare titch of selective fading which was eliminated by sync (I'd call it 555 if I weren't so picky) at first, but fading quickly. By ToH it was down to 3+4443+. 0235-0310 29/Aug (Ken Zichi, Williamston MI, SPR-4 + randomwire; MARE Tipsheet 31 Aug via DXLD)

Radio Tirana livestream back online - here is the new address:
http://149.202.220.47:8888/
(Alexander Busneag, Germany, Aug 30, WOR iog via DXLD)

** ALGERIA [non]. Regarding RTE Ireland on 252. I`ve not heard Algeria underneath on the same frequency for around 12 days. Maybe Algeria has dropped 252 or reduced the power?

(before I purchased the PL-660, checked it out in store on all bands; maybe that's why I have great reception of stations including those on mediumwave. Maybe others could do the same before purchasing radios, etc., etc. 73 (Jon Collins, Birmingham UK, Sept 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Better done outside store, with escort? (gh)

** ANGUILLA. 6090, UT Wed Aug 29 at 0141, CariBeacon is back on with PMS, having missed its 2-day-a-week broadcasts on UT Mon & Tue, so making up for that?

11775, Wed Aug 29 at 1259, CB is on with PMS on TUN. Evidently has gone back to irregular schedule anyday, after a spell on local Sun & Mon only. But 11775 is off again at 1842 check. 6090 is off again at 0437 UT Thu Aug 30 check. 11775 is on again at 1353 Aug 30.

11775, Fri Aug 31 at 1357, CB is off again after sporadic appearances this week (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 6090, ANGUILLA, Caribbean Beacon at 0150 with PMS monologue VG. I still don't get the schedule here (perhaps there isn't one). How does the engineering staff know when they should be on and off? Recheck at 0315 also had them VG with, this time, DGS monologue. - VG August 31

5935, USA, WWCR at 0615. Lecture with DGS, long long pauses. Noted no corresponding // on 6090, the C.B. station is off again. - 55555, Excellent September 1

11775, Caribbean Beacon at 1815. Lecture by "DGS" Scott followed by killing time for money pitches music, then more DGS. Seemed // to 13845 (via Tennessee USA), but much, much weaker. At first, I could only detect the station on air with my BFO engaged, but then the signal rose up to at least an S-3. - Poor/Fair September 1 (Rick Barton, from Central Arizona, Grundig Satellit 205(T.5000) & 750; RS SW-2000629, & ATS-909X with various outdoor wires. 73 and Good Listening....! -rb, WOR iog via DXLD)

11775, Sept 2 at 1418, CB is OFF even tho it`s Sunday, as their sporadic appearances continue. However, leaves 11780 RNA Brasil with no ACI (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The Caribbean Beacon on 11775 is on the air this afternoon as of at least 1800 if not earlier. Good strong clean clear signal too (Paul Walker, Ridgway PA, 2106 UT Sunday Sept 1, odxa iog via DXLD)

6090, Caribbean Beacon at 0240 with PMS lecture. Well below the level of the Tennessee // on 5935. Nothing heard on 0500 recheck - Fair Sept 4 (Rick Barton, Listening from Arizona, Grundig Satellit 205(T.5000) & 750; RS SW-2000629, & ATS-909X with various outdoor wires. 73 and Good Listening..! :D ! -rb, WOR iog via DXLD)

6090, UT Tue Sept 4 at 0557, CB is off again (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6090 kHz noted on with good signal here in NB this evening at 0155 UT 5 September (Richard Langley, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. Radio Bethel, the evangelical religious station operating from Villa Centenary in the town of Banfield (West), Partido De Zamora De Zamora, province of Buenos Aires, was reported on its new frequency of 1680v, abandoning its previous frequency 1670 kHz. The announcer continues to announce the transmission as 1670. It is not clear if the change of frequency is transient due to a flaw in the transmitter crystal (Argentina en AM y FM via Facebook 11Aug18 via Sept NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** ARGENTINA [non]. My name is Dario and I'm a subscriber of Australian DX Club. I read every month your page dedicated at the news of radio stations of the world. With this communication I'll want inform that Radio Argentina al Mundo de Buenos Aires officially can broadcast in Italian at 2200 to 2300 UT/GMT on the frequency of 7780 kHz Via WRMI Radio Miami International, but unfortunately the U.S.A. station make some confusion and don't respect the schedule. For example, yesterday 21 August 2018 Radio Argentina al Mundo don't broadcast because in Argentina was the national holiday and in this

frequency, there was a music program of WRMI - RADIO MIAMI. Hoping in your news, Dario Gabrielli, Italy, Sept Australian DX News via DXLD)

So if RAE did not supply a program during holiday, is that WRMI`s fault? (gh, DXLD)

** ASCENSION. 6005, Sept 4 at 0604, BBCWS news in English from the hum-mitter, as it has been humming right along for many months (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 4835, 1911, Pulse FM via Ozy Radio with ID & pops. At 1922 ìAIR Newsî continued till 1938 in a loop with entire bulletin repeated 3 times. Advts for Tecsun Radio & ARDXC then back to Ozy Radio program. Pulse FM relay overnight is new. 11/8 (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, North Island, New Zealand, WinRadio G33DDC Excalibur Pro & AOR7030+ with EWEs to North, Central & South America, Sept NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA [non]. 9265V, Saturday Sept 1 at 1213, Hobart Radio International, The Voice of Tasmania, via Unique Radio, NSW, via WINB, Pennsylvania. S9 with carrier wobble listening in SSB but not heard in AM; 1226 some 48m Europirate logs with SINPOs, fading here to S5; 1230 Andean music during Unique Radio contact info and intro WORLD OF RADIO 1945, new relay which starts at 1231:21, until 1300:03 when Tim Gaynor resumes his own show `Sounds of Your Life` with mailbag as his WINB block has been extended to 1330, a.k.a. ``World community radio from Australia``. So now SOYL is 1100-1130 & 1300-1330, with three DX programs in between: 1130 `International Radio Report` from CKUT, 1200 HRI, and 1230 WOR. Thanks, Tim!

Podcast of the whole thing is at:
https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/uniqueradio/episodes/2018-09-01T06_23_32-07_00

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA [and non]. ABCís Shortwave Cutback ëWeakens Thin Linkí for Pacific, Says PMC --- Thursday, August 9, 2018
By Leilani Sitagata of Pacific Media Watch

AUCKLAND (Asia Pacific Report/Pacific Media Watch): The Australian Broadcasting Corporationís cutback in services to the Asia-Pacific region has ìweakened the thin linkî that many parts of the region have with the ìoutside worldî, says the Pacific Media Centre.

In a public submission to the government review of broadcasting to the region, the PMC said that the situation had impelled Radio New Zealand to ìstretch their resources to do more, to ëmake upí for what has been removedî.

The ABC switched off shortwave services to the region in 2017. Calling for the ABC to restore services, the PMC said ìAustralian broadcasting from the South Pacific is a sorry loss to people and cultures ñ as we know them well from the accumulation of studies and from our own media production exercises at this centreî.

The PMC at Auckland University of Technology publishes the independent Asia Pacific Report, Pacific Media Watch freedom monitoring service, Pacific Journalism Review and other publications. AUTís radio major coordinator in the School of Communication Studies, Dr Matt Mollgaard, stresses the importance of broadcasting services from countries such as Australia and New Zealand to the South Pacific.

ì[Broadcasters] help to strengthen local media outlets in the Islands, further enhancing democratic developments in the region,î Dr Mollgaard said in his PJR research paper cited by the PMC submission. He said broadcasting services like RNZ Pacific and Radio Australia were prime examples of upholding media freedom and encouraging democratic life. The PMC submission was prepared by director Professor David Robie and centre research associate and PJR editorial board member Dr Lee Duffield.

Restoration of Radio Australia services and other ABC services that may be made accessible in the South Pacific region, would be ìhighly positiveî, said the submission.

ìIt would be most widely welcomed in the island countries, valued, and made good use of as in the past, with assuredly benefits to the originating media service and to Australian interests.î

The review is looking at the reach of Australiaís media in the Asia-Pacific region and if shortwave radio has become an outdated technology.

The submission period closed on August 3 and the review of Australian broadcasting services is currently underway.
Public submissions have been overwhelmingly in favour of restoration of services.

ëTok Pisin broadcastsí

In one public submission published by Asia Pacific Report, development worker Elizabeth Cox, who has 40 years of experience of living and working in Papua New Guinea, appealed for the return of a ìrevitalised Radio Australiaî.

ìBring back Radio Australia. Ensure it reaches all rural areas,î she

said. ìProvide Tok Pisin broadcasts. This is one of the best forms of aid you can give PNG.î ìA revitalised Radio Australia will give the PNG and other international audiences a chance to shape content and direction ñ it can be linked to social media and inform and lift the quality of much of the local political conversation,î she said.

ìThe new Radio Australia should be a global friend and ally, not a coloniser or converter. It should encourage debate, conversation and support critical, independent and objective opinion.î

The Vanuatu Daily Post submission calling for restoration of services said broadcast communications were an essential projection of soft power.

ìThe lack of access to the eyes and earsóand therefore the hearts and minds ó of Pacific islanders works to the detriment of Australian interests,î the newspaper said. ìIt also works against the interest of Pacific nations.î (PMC Press Release via Sept Australian DX News via DXLD) See also VANUATU

** AUSTRALIA [and non]. China blocks Australian state broadcaster's website: ABC 3 Sep 2018

https://www.afp.com/en/news/23/china-blocks-australian-state-broadcasters-website-abc-doc-18t2jx2

AFP/File / FREDERIC J. BROWN China-Australia ties have been strained recently over Beijing's alleged interference in domestic politics

China has blocked access to the website of Australia's national broadcaster for breaching Beijing's internet rules and regulations, ABC said on Monday.

It comes a year after the Australian Broadcasting Corporation began running a Chinese-language service.

ABC said access to its website and apps was blocked on August 22 and it has since been trying to find out why.

After repeated requests for clarification, an official from China's Office of the Central Cyberspace Affairs Commission dictated a statement to the broadcaster.

"We welcome internet enterprises from all over the world to provide good information to the netizens of China," said the official, who declined to give his name, according to ABC.

"However, state cyber sovereignty rights shall be maintained towards

some overseas websites violating China's laws and regulations."

The official said these included websites "spreading rumours, pornographic information, gambling, violent terrorism and some other illegal harmful information which will endanger state security and damage national pride".

ABC said it had not been told what laws it had violated or which content sparked the ban.

However, ties between Canberra and Beijing have been strained recently over allegations that China is interfering in Australia's domestic politics and using donations to gain access.

The claims infuriated China, which has dismissed local media stories -- including by ABC -- about infiltration as hysteria and paranoia.

The ABC also recently reported on Beijing's push into the Pacific through "soft diplomacy", which Australia and New Zealand fear could potentially upset the strategic balance in the region. 3 Sep 2018 (AFP via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** AUSTRIA. 11880, Aug 29 at 2109, very poor talk at S0-S1, maybe French? No, AWR English via Moosbrunn is scheduled until 2130; before RHC takes over circa 2200 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BAHRAIN. 9745 (re-activated) on 19/8 at 0501 with non-stop disco/rap songs in Arabic and seldom in English, ID was at 0517 with no clear content - it seems relay their 2nd program or Shabab FM (both in Arabic) replacing previous relay of 1st program in Arabic (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Sony ICF2001D, Folded Marconi antenna, Sept Australian DX News via DXLD) And allegedly on CUSB, no LSB (gh, DXLD)

** BANGLADESH. 9455, Bangladesh Betar, Dhaka. Interval signal at 1312. Time pips at 1315 - yes, on the UT quarter-hour! After the time pips, then s/on in Nepali, followed by a short burst of music and the news. Fair signal. The transmission is beamed to Nepal which has the odd local time zone of UTC +5:45 hours. So on this occasion, the local time in Nepal was 7:00 pm. Bangladesh is UTC +6:00 hours, so itís nice of them to give their Nepali listeners their local time. A quick check of all transmissions beamed to Nepal shows only a few occasions when broadcasts begin either 15 min past or 45 min past the UT hour. Most broadcasters still stick to UTC on-the-hour or 30-min past UTC hour, resulting in Nepalese listeners needing to get into the habit of tuning in to their favourite broadcasts at 15 or 45 minutes past their local hour. 24/8 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC, Yaesu FTDX 3000, Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100,

Kenwood R5000, Tecsun PL-680, Horizontal Sky Loop, Double Bazooka antennas for 80, 40 and 20 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU, Sept Australian DX News via DXLD)

Reception of Bangladesh Betar in 31&19mb on August 30
1315-1345 on 9455 DKA 250 kW / 320 deg to SoAs Nepali, very good,
1400-1430 on 15505 DKA 250 kW / 290 deg to WeAs Urdu, strong signal
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/08/reception-of-bangladesh-betar-in-31-on.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, August 30-31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. 15505, Aug 30 at 1356, Bangladesh Betar is already on with 1 kHz tone --- best I`ve heard it in ages. Tone stops at 1358:15 and lovely haunting interval signal starts a few seconds later, repeating multiply until 5+1 mis-timesignal ending at 1400:08, and announcement starting Urdu service to the former west wing (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15505, Sept 1 at 1358, 1 kHz tone from JBA Bangladesh Betar, 1358:31 IS, 1359:57.5 mis-timesignal ends 10.5 seconds earlier than two days ago; opening Urdu (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BHUTAN. Reception of Bhutan Broadcasting Service, August 31
1850 & 2012 on 6035 THI 100 kW / non-dir to SoAs Music, good:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/09/reception-of-bhutan-broadcasting.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, August 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Per tip on HF Underground, beautiful reception of Bhutan on 6035, via Twente and India based Kiwi, from my 2345 tune in, vocal and instrumental music (more like constant Buddhist chants) woman announcer in briefly around 0003, then back to chants. Tried non SDR radios using Wellbrook, here in MD, faint carrier, but overwhelmed by 6030 (Sent from Blue, Dan Robinson, 0019 UT Sept 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6035, BBS. It will be recalled that last Sunday (Aug 26), this was heard with a greatly extended broadcast (1340+), so was checking again on Sept 2 (Sun.). 1139-1200: in English and playing pop songs in English; 1200-1210*: usual announcer (vernacular) and brief breaks for indigenous instrumental music at 1200, 1202 and 1209; suddenly off, leaving China (FM99 relay via Yunnan) in the clear; before 1210 both mixing together. My local sunrise was at 1339 UT, with Thimphu sunset at 1221 UT (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via DXLD)

** BOUGAINVILLE [non-log]. 3325, NBC Bougainville (Maus Blong Sankamap), clearly off the air on Sept 2, from 0928+; instead note

INDONESIA (VOI) reception (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. Sem sinal --- CBN SP 780, CBN RJ 860 e Globo 1220 RJ sem sinal. Ser· que j· È o cumprimento do aviso antecipado de encerramento de transmissıes por essas frequÍncias? Globo SP 1100 est· no ar. 73, (Rudolf Grimm, S„o Bernardo SP, http://dxways-br.blogspot.com 3 de Set, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Prezados, A partir de hoje o SGR desativou as frequÍncias de AM 1220 e 860 para sempre. Att, ("Leonardo Ivo Neves da Silva", ibid.)

Rudolf, Aqui tambÈm em BH, CBN 1150 est· fora do ar! Desligaram de manh„! (Wilson Rodrigues, Ita˙na MG, ibid.)

** BRAZIL. 5035, Aug 29 at 0627, JBA carrier with fades. I suppose it has to be one of the ZYs, more likely R. Aparecida. By now the ACI splash from 5040 Cuba is off, allowing at least this much to be detected (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6135.15, 0330-0335 1.9, R Aparecida, Aparecida, SP, Portuguese religious talk, hymn, 25232. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, Denmark, my latest loggings from Skovlunde on the AOR AR7030PLUS with a 28 metres longwire, WBradio yg via DXLD)

Had been slightly below 6135.0 for a while, cozying up to RSC Bolivia, but now closer to previous 6135.2 (gh, DXLD)

11855.72, Sept 3 at 0100, Brazuguese from R. Aparecida, QSY back to ``normal`` off-frequency from venture a kHz higher (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BULGARIA. SECRETLAND, Radio Taiwan International plans to change the transmitter provider for its German service on shortwave because of costs. Please monitor the following test transmissions via transmitter Secretbrod on Sept 7/8/14/15
1900-1930 5900 SCB 100 kW / 306 deg WeEu German Radio Taiwan Int //freq:
1900-2000 6185 WOF 250 kW / 082 deg WeEu German BaBcoCk Woofferton
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/09/test-of-radio-taiwan-international-via.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Sept 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also TAIWAN [non]

** CANADA. Angry donors pack Jazz.FM meeting amid corporate interest in deal with station --- By Donovan Vincent, Feature Writer
Fri., Aug. 31, 2018
https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2018/08/31/angry-donors-pack-jazzfm-meeting-amid-

corporate-interest-in-deal-with-station.html

Jazz.FMís board of directors got an earful from the stationís donors Friday, many calling for the board to ìdissolveî and for ex-CEO Ross Porterís Saturday radio program to be pulled from the air.

After the tumultuous, packed annual general meeting, interim CEO Charles Cutts told the Star that three large, for-profit corporations have recently approached and expressed an interest in some sort of business relationship with the station.

Wayne Anaka asks a question during the Jazz.FM annual general meeting. Many donors peppered the board of directors with questions about recent events. (Andrew Francis Wallace / Toronto Star)
[caption]

Talks with one of the corporations were general, Cutts said, while the other two corporations expressed interest in speaking further about some sort of business deal, he added.

ìWe have assets and maybe we can help each other,î Cutts said, declining to name the corporations the station has spoken to.

Any conversations must bear in mind the fact the station operates its radio licence as a not-for-profit, Cutts said.

But these discussions must take place because Jazz.FM, a small outfit with a $4.5-million annual budget and 143,000 daily listeners, needs to explore a more viable business model, Cutts said.

Read more: [sidebar linx]
Ex-radio host sues over dismissal
The trouble at JAZZ.FM
Mogulís daughter in bid for control

The station expects to lose ìseveral hundred thousand dollarsî by the end of this year.

Jazz.FM has recently launched a strategic review of its operation, and part of that process is looking at ìoptions in the marketplace,î board chair David McGown said in an interview. The review will report back to the board in the coming months with recommendations on moving toward ìfinancial sustainability,î he said.

But Fridayís noisy AGM came as Jazz.FM faces controversy on several fronts. In the spring, a group of 13 former and current employees called ìthe Collectiveî wrote a letter to the board accusing Porter, who was CEO and president, of sexually inappropriate behaviour and

bullying. The group blamed a senior manager and some members of the board for supporting Porterís behaviour.

After the May completion of an independent review struck to look into the complaint, Porter resigned his management position.

And this week Garvia Bailey, a former Jazz.FM morning host, filed a $420,000 lawsuit against the station, claiming she was effectively terminated for being part of the groupís complaint against Porter.

Porter says the groupís allegations against him are fabricated or stem from incidents that have been taken out of context.

David McGown, chair of the board for Toronto radio station Jazz.FM, listens to a question, with interim CEO Charles Cutts in the background, at a packed annual general meeting. (Andrew Francis Wallace) [caption]

During Fridayís meeting, in the offices of the downtown law firm that Jazz.FM retains, several of the nearly 100 people who turned up, including 70 donor-listeners, called for all the stationís board of directors to step aside.

Part of the reason for the meeting was to vote on two names nominated to fill board vacancies, as well as vote on extending the terms of three other board members whose terms are expiring, including McGown, the chair.

The meeting came amid an effort over the past few weeks by a group of donors, led by major donor Marie Slaight ó daughter of Canadian billionaire media baron Allan Slaight ó to put forward a list of new names to replace the entire board. But the attempt to have Slaight and members of her group, or anyone else new, join the board was thwarted Friday, to howls of protest from several donors in the room.

According to Jazz.FMís bylaws, anyone interested in submitting their name to join the board had to do so 10 days before the meeting.

The boardís lawyer informed members that the board had the names of 460 people who had given proxies supporting the Jazz.FM nominees ó so the vote for the nominees carried.

ìThereís no transparency, no integrity from the board!î one donor shouted during the process.

ìI want you all to tender your resignations!î

Earlier this week, Slaight returned to Australia, where she lives. She

has indicated to Jazz.FM that she no longer wants to be on the board, and only wants whatís best for the station.

Several donors also complained at the meeting that they hadnít received any prior notification of the AGM.

The station says it has a database containing details of donorsí preferred means of communication. Of the roughly 2,000 donors, 1,800 received notice Aug. 21 about the AGM and board nominees, and 200 members were notified by that date by regular mail.

'Why is Ross Porter still on the air?' was one of the questions at an angry Jazz.FM annual general meetting. (Andrew Francis Wallace) [caption]

Meanwhile, there were also calls from donors during Fridayís meeting for Porterís relationship with the station to be terminated. After the scandal he was named president emeritus, and he continues to host a two-hour Saturday morning show for the station from his home.

ìWhy is Ross Porter still on the air, drawing a salary from my hard-earned money that I donate to the station?î said one woman, who later declined to give her name. ìHe should not be on the air.î

Others demanded to know Porterís current pay.

McGown told the room Porterís Saturday show continues to be popular with listeners. As for his pay, Cutts declined to discuss the matter at the meeting, citing confidentiality.

In a phone interview after the meeting, Porter said he continues to serve ìat the pleasure of the board and the stationís senior management.

ìI continue to play a significant role in making the station successful.î Porter added. ìI am a resource they can use as they like. Ultimately I want the station to succeed and I want musicians to become stars.î (via Gerald T Pollard, NC, DXLD)

** CHINA. CNR-1 jammer vs Sound of Hope Xi Wang Zhi Sheng, August 31
till 1000 on 14920 unknown kW / non-dir to EaAs Chinese, fair/good
till 1000 on 15940 unknown kW / non-dir to EaAs Chinese, very good
till 1000 on 15970 unknown kW / non-dir to EaAs Chinese, fair/good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/09/cnr-1-jammer-vs-sound-of-hope-xi-wang.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, August 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. 7300, CHINA, CNR1 at 1123 // 11640 in Mandarin

jamming RTI in Mandarin with a man and woman with excited talk ñ Fair Sept 2 Coady-GH

7300, TAIWAN, RTI at 1124 in Mandarin with a man with talk and light Asian instrumental music bridges ñ Poor rising to Fair above CNR1 jammer Sept 2 Coady-GH

11900, CHINA, CNR1 at 1430 in Mandarin jamming the VOA in Mandarin via the Philippines with a man with apparent news headlines with music stingers between items then a string of ads and promos at 1433 then a woman joining the man with news at 1434 ñ Excellent Sept 1 Coady-GH

17690, CHINA, CNR1 at 1256 // 17705 in Mandarin jamming RFA in Tibetan via Tajikistan with two men with excited talk ñ Very Good Sept 1 Coady-GH

17705, CHINA, CNR1 at 1251 // 11830 in Mandarin jamming AIR in Mandarin with two men with excited talk ñ Very Good Sept 1 Coady-GH

17705, INDIA, AIR (Bengaluru) at 1253 in Mandarin with subcontinental vocals ñ Weak but audible under CNR1 jammer Sept 1 Coady-GH

I had a chance to get away for part of the Labour Day weekend ñ from Friday to Sunday - and took advantage of it by taking my tent trailer to Grass Hill, Ontario which is northwest of Lindsay, Ontario. It is the repeater site (VE3LNZ 147.195 MHz) of the Victoria-Haliburton Amateur Radio Association of which I am an active member. Noise conditions at the site are quite low so low powered and weaker stations are heard there where I cannot hear them through the EMI and RFI inherent with living in a modern community. And those stations that I regularly hear well at home are just so much better. Whether camping for the weekend, or just getting away from local noise like Harold Sellers does in his car in the interior of British Columbia, you haven't truly enjoyed this hobby until you've tried DXing from a quieter location (Mark Coady, Grass Hill, Ontario, Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 80 meter inverted vee, ODXA iog via DXLD)

** CHINA. 4940, Voice of Strait, per their new schedule http://www.vos.com.cn/public/2011-08/05/cms29450article.shtml the program in English ("Focus on China" - FOC) is indeed now on the air Saturday and Sunday (formerly only on Sat.). Observed Sept 2 (Sun.), at 0944, with an audio feed from a documentary; mostly unreadable; 0952 closing FOC announcement; music till 0955, when switched to Chinese; FOC not // 4900, but 0955-1000 was //, which is scheduled for Strait Fishery Meteorology (Channel fishery weather) --please see http://radio.chobi.net/DX/DXNEWS/?res:32#58

"Now On The Radio," full schedule for both 4900 and 4940); this Sunday didn't sound like a weather report, as they were playing some music; after 1000 no longer //. There is a possible new development, as 4940 was not heard when checking about 0920, so perhaps a new sign on time? Needs more monitoring.

6035, FM99 relay via Yunnan, on Sept 2, at 1101, with the usual singing station jingle; contemporary FM format playing some songs in English (singers with Elton John's song "Your Song," etc.); 1138-1210 noted mixing with Bhutan (BBS); 1201 again with the same singing station song (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via DXLD)

7210, PBS Yunnan (ethnic minority broadcasting), at 1052, on Aug 29. Again heard with the distinctive IS of non-stop musical loop of all easy-listening instrumental music; mixing badly with Vietnam (VOV1). Language schedule and live streaming info posted at "Now On The Radio" website at
http://radio.chobi.net/DX/bbs/?res:3432
(Ron Howard, Ocean Beach [San Francisco], CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via DXLD)

History: Maybe tx location had something to do of former 6937 kHz location (Yunnan No 7 Transmitting Station) at Shalang, in the past,

read CHINA item under
CHN__Yunnan PBS#7 site Shalang 6035 7210 (ex6937) kHz, -- in

----- Original Message -----
From: "Michael Bethge (WWDXC)" Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018
Subject: [HCDX] WORLDWIDE DX CLUB Top News #1353

The latest edition (27 August 2018) of the WORLDWIDE DX CLUB "Top News", compiled by Wolfgang Bueschel, has been posted:
https://www.wwdxc.de/topnews.shtml

re Malaysia History on #1353 newsletter, a bit to the acoustic background of the writing: here is a recording of Voice of Malayan Revolution, taken of 26 Febr 1980 on 15790 kHz, English radio station announcement at the beginning and at the end, at the end also frequency information.

0630-0830	Vernacular	20	ND	Kunming CHN
1100-1145	Dehong Dai	20	ND	Kunming CHN
1145-1230	Kachinic	20	ND	Kunming CHN
1230-1315	Lisu	20	ND	Kunming CHN
1315-1400	Xishuangbanna Dai	20	ND	Kunming CHN
1400-1445	Lahu	20	ND	Kunming CHN

1445-1500 Chinese 20 ND Kunming CHN

Yes, was of my favorite holiday / tourist targets during Vietnam wartime, long ago. In South East Asian area between Bali, Penang, Phuket, Bangkok, Laos, Golden Triangle Burma-China border, and Hong Kong Macau too ... (Wolfgang Bueschel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Voice of Strait, on Sept 4, noted 4940 with new sign on time of *0940 (suddenly on); while 4900 had *0941 sign on. From 0955 to 1000, both // with the report of the Strait Fishery Meteorology (Channel fishery weather), which ended with a pop song at 0958; at 1000 the usual time pips and no longer //.

Again started // at 1055, again with the marine weather for the strait, with pop song at 1058; at 1100 the usual time pips, but 1100+ continued on //.

Recently VOS has gone through several changes to their schedule, so probably should be monitored for a while to confirm the changes. My audio of the five minute segment (marine weather and song) at http://goo.gl/SFcCNh

A native speaker of Mandarin Chinese listened to my audio and found "It's the weather forecast about the strait in the next 18 hours. Talked about wind, waves, temperature, and the weather for the next two days" (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via DXLD)

** CHINA [non]. 13740, Sept 1 at 1403, open carrier, dead air except for perpetual squeal, from Cuban relay transmitter; even carrier break for a few seconds at 1404:25; finally JIP China Plus in English under-modulation from 1406:39, having missed the ``news`` completely. Thus the ChiCom continue to be shortchanged by their Cuban lackeys attempting the relays (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. 2nd Bogota FM station logged via double hop E-skip after 6/18/15 SDR IQ file review

In reviewing June 18, 2015 SDR IQ files with the newest version of SDR Console, I logged another Bogota Colombia RCN FM station, HJMO-94.9 with RDS.

PI: F9AD PS: Partial decoding of NOTICIAS MUSICA Y DEPORTES
RT: Partical decoding of LA FM

I attached snapshots of both HJVC-93.9 and HJMO-94.9.

Notice the similar PI codes.

Attached Thumbnails Click image for larger version.
Name: 100_3729.JPG Views: 3 Size: 1,018.6 KB ID: 21701
Name: 100_3730.JPG Views: 3 Size: 1.05 MB ID: 21702

Using the grid coord. of the stations in FMLIST resulted in distances of 1996 miles each. Can anybody locate their transmitters on Google Earth? (Fred Nordquist, Moncks Corner SC FM02af, Sept 6, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

Nice! Keep looking; you might find a third :-) (Mike B., Enfield, CT, ibid.)

HJMO is 25 kW with a HAAT? of 606.9 meters, according to some documents I dredged up from MinTIC. Trying to find current info is a pain, but apparently when RCN started up on FM in the mid-50s they did so from the Monserrate mountain site. I wonder if they are still there (Raymie Humbert, ibid.)

** CRIMEA [and non]. RFE/RL piece on Russian/Ukrainian media war in Crimea
https://www.rferl.org/a/russia-ukraine-crimea-radio-jamming/29457799.html?ltflags=mailer
(Walt Salmaniw, Victoria BC, Aug 29, WOR iog via DXLD) Viz.:

Russia, Ukraine Battle For Crimean Airwaves
August 28, 2018 12:44 GMT
Crimea Desk, RFE/RL's Ukrainian Service
No media source currently available [sic] 0:04 2:25 0:00

Since Russia's seizure of Crimea from Ukraine in 2014, it has sought to control all aspects of life on the peninsula, including its airwaves. Russian transmissions are jamming frequencies broadcast from the Ukrainian mainland, while Kyiv fights back with new and upgraded radio towers.

[Ukrainian audio, 2:25 video, captioned in English, examples of jamming]

THE Ukraine --- The jammer or the jammed? With Pridnestrovye on their roadmap as the next jamming target, reportedly...
https://www.unian.info/society/10088279-poroshenko-launches-system-of-counteracting-anti-ukrainian-broadcast-in-donbas.html
(Leo Barmaleo, Moldova, ibid.) Viz. below ---

Iím sorry, but is Leo baiting us with his ìTHEî designation? Anyone in the know understands that this is derogatory towards Ukraine. Otherwise, jamming can go both ways. Historically, though, it has almost always originated in totalitarian countries. Enough said. 73, (Walt Salmaniw, ibid.)

Maybe with the all-CAPS --- but I think many not in the know may

utter ``The Ukraine`` unaware of the distinxion. How, anyway did a definite article ever get attached to a name in a language with no articles? (gh, DXLD)

Poroshenko launches system of counteracting anti-Ukrainian broadcast in Donbas 11:20, 20 April 2018 Ukraine 2495 0

The system of complex countering Russian information aggression in the war area blocks analog and digital TV signals of more than 40 Russian and pro-Russian TV channels. Photo from UNIAN Photo from UNIAN [caption]

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko held a meeting in the ad hoc center on the state information security and countering Russian propaganda, where the system was launched aimed at jamming Russian propaganda in Donbas. The president informed that the National Security and Defense Council, along with the Ministry of Information Policy, Rada national security and defense committee, National TV and Radio Broadcasting Council, and Security Service of Ukraine had developed and implemented the system to block anti-Ukrainian broadcasts in the war area. "We will protect Ukrainians from the 'information poison' coming from the Russian Federation," Poroshenko said, emphasizing the importance of Thursday's decision made by the Parliament "in protecting the territorial integrity in both the religious and confessional sense" (referring to the Appeal to the Ecumenical Patriarch on granting the Tomos of Autocephaly to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church), the president's press service reports..

"I congratulate you on the beginning of the effective functioning of the system of countering anti-Ukrainian broadcast in the war area. I am convinced that today this is a significant milestone, a significant progress in protecting Ukraine from the factors of Russian hybrid aggression, and I thank you all for your work," the president said.

The system of complex countering Russian information aggression in the war area blocks analog and digital TV signals of more than 40 Russian and pro-Russian TV channels in Donbas. It is aimed to fight Russia's information expansion and propaganda in the war area, allowing to protect in the information domain the Ukrainian citizens living in more than 150 inhabited settlements along the contact line.

Read also [sidebar link]
Russian electronic warfare station discovered in Donbas, says Tymchuk

The president instructed responsible officials to guarantee a reliable protection of both the jamming system and Ukrainian transmitters enabling Ukrainian broadcasts across the temporarily occupied areas.

"It is about conveying a signal of Ukrainian media that can be considered today as a vaccination against Russian propaganda. The assistance of foreign partners who gave us these transmitters is as important as the provision of lethal weapons, as it is a key system of protecting Ukraine's sovereignty from hybrid aggression."

"We cannot be carefree here, we cannot but deliver a corresponding reaction from the Ukrainian state to the threats and challenges we are facing today. First of all, to date, this poison comes from the occupied territory, from the east of our country to ensure the distribution of Russian propaganda to citizens of Ukraine living near the contact line ñ in Donetsk, Luhansk, Kharkiv, and Zaporizhia regions," the president emphasized.

According to the Ukrainian leader, these signals are spread via radio transmitters located just along the contact line. Poroshenko is going to visit Donetsk and Luhansk regions in the nearest time. "I will personally check the quality of the Ukrainian broadcasting in the war area," he said.

Read also [sidebar link]
Ukraine to expand TV, radio broadcasts across Crimea

The president instructed NSDC Secretary Oleksandr Turchynov to work out the issue of locating such counteraction systems not only in Donbas, but also in the areas with the highest risk of such threats. "We must consider an opportunity of applying such technology not only along the Ukraine-Russia border, but also along the uncontrolled area of the Ukraine-Moldova border in Transnistria," he said. "There is also a possibility of information sabotage in Odesa region. Peace and stability of Odesa region are also a priority for us," Poroshenko added. As UNIAN reported earlier, on February 9, 2018, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko enacted a decision by the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine of January 26, 2018, to introduce additional measures to counteract Russia's information aggression (via DXLD)

** CUBA. Re: COMIENZA A TRANSMITIR UNA NUEVA EMISORA CUBANA --- 25/08/2018 (DXLD 180828 [sic])

Cuba: Video on the occasion of the inauguration of Radio Mariel
Canal Caribe 28 August 2018
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E-cLDX-vlpw (1:42)

Como parte de las actividades con motivo del Aniversario 96 de las transmisiones continuadas de la Radio en Cuba, la nueva emisora sale al aire, adem·s, con la integraciÛn a los nuevos formatos de

comunicaciÛn y cuenta con su perfil en las redes sociales Facebook y Twitter (via Dr Hansjoerg Biener, DXLD)

** CUBA. 15140, R Havana Cuba English news read by YL/OM & an editorial comment about the US govít continuing to try to interfere with Cuban politics & mention of Radio Marti. Then a feature about the Natíl Council of Churches policy statement about relations with Cuba. Then at 1925 into ìHavana Portraitsî, cultural news with story about Havana visit of Enrico Caruso (HE has good pipes!) who visited there in the 1920s. He was paid $10k for the appearance, the most he was ever paid in his career for a gig! At 1931 into ìScience & Technologyî show with Arnie Coro talking about human/marine life interactions & climate change. Then protest songs mostly from the Vietnam era in ìMusic with a Messageî. 3+54+44 modulation not perfect, but far more ëacceptableí than is usual on the 49 metre band in the NAm evenings! 1905-1950 25/Aug (Ken Zichi, Port Hope MI2, SDRplay + SDRuno + ANC-4 + random wire, MARE Tipsheet 31 Aug via DXLD)

6000, R Havana Cuba English hour including Newman talx re President Trump paying off porn stars & his personal attorney pleading guilty to campaign finance crimes as a part of the deal & item re privatization of the US military. RHC is getting more stridently anti-American again of late! At 0512 into DXers Unlimited with Comrade Arnie talking about QRP hams & about the ëreverseí beacon network (not to be confused with Reverse ID beacons on LW!) & about end-fed antennas & need of an antenna tuner with that sort of antenna (editorial comment: Horsefeathers. FOR RECEIVE a tuner MAY help, but it certainly isnít NECESSARY.) He also stressed the importance of a good ground with this type of antenna. (Yeah, OK, THAT I agree with!)

At 0523 into the Weekend edition of the Mailbag show. Letters tonight from listeners in Italy & other countries. [Colonel Potter would have said, ìHorse hockey!î] Modulation slightly better than it has been, but still a titch muddy, but generally ëgoodí for a change. Signal suddenly dove into the noise at about 0528 & didn't recover, Something going on in the ionosphere? The band just died! 4+4+44+4 with thunderstorms near Saginaw kicking up quite consistent QRN but the signal was so strong that it didnít create big issues. 0505-0535 27/Aug (Ken Zichi, Williamston MI, SPR-4 + randomwire; MARE Tipsheet 31 Aug via DXLD)

** CUBA. Good daytime reception of Radio Rebelde on 5025 kHz today (28 August) from tune-in at 1515 UT with just a whip antenna here in Key West, about 170 km from Havana. Nice ritmos. Good modulation, too. (-- Richard Langley, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 13700, Aug 29 at 1301, RHC cuts on and off during attempt at frequency announcement; by 1308 stays on, but fails to accompany

with panoply of FM signals across the band. Something`s always wrong at RHC.

6000, UT Thu Aug 30 at 0637, RHC English is again suptorted here; 6100 = 6165 undermodulated but not distorted; only 6060 is VG as `Arts Roundup` is starting. Something`s always wrong at RHC.

13633 & 13767, Aug 31 at 1329, trace of distorted FM blobs from RHC 13700-AM transmitter are all it can manage today; something`s always wrong at RHC.

11980, Sept 2 at 0145, JBA carrier, probably RHC leapfrog as IDed before, 11700 over 11840 another 140 kHz beyond. Also suffers splash from huge dirty RHC fundamental on 12000. Something`s always wrong at RHC.

12114.40, Sept 2 at 0146, JBA in Spanish, probably RHC, but I have only one receiver handy at the moment so no // check. Then I find a match on 11885.6, so that nails these down as spurs of 12000 RHC, exactly plus and minus 114.4 kHz. Something`s always wrong at RHC.

9570, Sept 3 at 0056, relay of CRI English with LL: Chinese, disposable hour-ending fragment. Unusually, also has ACI from Cuban jamming against vacant MartÌ frequency 9565, inevitable even with 9570-USB tuning. Cubans vs. Cubans!

6100, Sept 3 at 0557, RHC English seems off, or it may be the JBA carrier, incomparable to others: 6165 S9+10+, 6060 S9+20/30, 6000 S9+10.

6165, 6100, 6060, 6000, Sept 5 at 0545, all four RHC English frequencies with good strength and modulation!!! At last an opportunity to say something`s not wrong!

Until 0549 when I notice all four have dropped to dead air, still at 0552, when the Cuban Fifth, 5040 is, too. Something`s always wrong at RHC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 11840, Sept 5 at 2216, this RHC Spanish frequency with supported modulation == suppressed/distorted. Something`s always wrong at RHC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [non]. 7435, Aug 30 at 0423, R. MartÌ with electronic/keyboard music, no announcements, pauses between trax, only during which some jamming is audible vs S9+25. Same on // 7335, and 6030. I keep listening the rest of the hour to this very strange ``programming`` for RM. Including repeats of some of the same tunes! Now I`m convinced Greenville has lost program feed from Miami studio and is filling with

this, which continues even past 0500, altho 7435 to 7365 QSY happens on time with a 28-second break before 7365 cuts back on at *0500:00 sharp with carrier, rejoining others with music at 0500:27. By 0641 final check, both 7 MHz signals have faded way down below the jamming level, but 6030 is back to programming with talk and clips of music videos. For fun at 0453 I also tried 1180 to // the music, but the only QRM to the echoey Rebeldeblast was English, probably WHAM.

11860, the new MartÌ frequency at 14-22, colliding head-on with RHC after 1930, is also supposedly employed in the nightmiddle at 07-10 according to Ivo. During awake chex at 0704 & 0915 Aug 30, it is inaudible, but hardly expected to propagate here or there. OCB has still failed to register it at all in the latest HFCC files as of 29 August. At those hours, something even below 6 MHz band would be much more effective: propagation 101.

11860, Fri Aug 31 at *1400:43, Greenville cuts on carrier late vs. jamming already running, joining Radio MartÌ modulation at 1401:15 but soon dumps off air; back on with carrier at *1402:07, and modulation stays from 1402:49, well atop jamming.

Thus RM concludes its third week on 11860, colliding directly with RHC after 1930. Saturday Sept 1 at 1403, no RM as it rests another weekend, but wall-of-noise jamming continues anyway; something`s always wrong at the DentroCuban Jamming Command (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 13605, Sept 5 at 2214, low level WON jamming despite Marti having finished at 2000 --- and also variety pitches of beeps, one at a time every few seconds; really carriers at slightly different offsets from center frequency, audiblized with BFO.

Then Sept 5 at 2217, same thing is happening on 11860. I have caught this strange behavior some previous times on Cuban jammer frequencies (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [non]. Radio Marti via WRMI tests on 5950 --- According to Jeff White of WRMI speaking at the EDXC conference in Bratislava (Sept 1), WRMI will carry Radio Marti for a month starting tomorrow on 5950:
Sun 2000-0000 UT
Tue and Wed 2300-0200 UT
This test runs until the end of the baseball season with many Cuban players involved in matches (Alan Pennington, UK, Sept 1, bdxc-news iog via DXLD)

Hmmm, I just suggested that RM should relay via WRMI if they were really serious about better coverage into Cuba. This of course

could well lead to jamming on 5950 carelessly expanding beyond the RM times. I guess whose are prime hours for silly baseball games, whoopee. Jamming those could backfire? I guess 2300-0200 means one 3-hour span across the UT divide (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** CUBA [non]. HISTORIAS DE RADIO DE DANIEL CAMPORINI
(Nuevo segmento sonoro)

Bienvenidos a ìHistorias de Radioî, un programa donde el pasado y el presente de la radio se dan la mano. Una idea y producciÛn de Daniel Camporini. Realizado, Ìntegramente, en el estudio de diexismo y comunicaciÛn, Munro, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

LA VOZ DEL CID --- Desde su apariciÛn en 1981, la emisora conocida como La Voz del CID, se convirtiÛ en uno de los grandes misterios que se encerraban en la lucha radial entre Cuba y los Estados Unidos. La estaciÛn perteneciÛ a una organizaciÛn anti castrista llamada Cuba Independiente y Democr·ticaÖ

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Cordiales 73 (Daniel Camporini/JosÈ Bueno, noticiasdx yg via DXLD)

Good summary of the history of this clandestine, totaling 5:32, with some clips recorded off the air. Currently audio is on the homepage of show; later will have to search it out (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** DIEGO GARCIA. Mauritus vv U.K. / USA occupation of Diego Garcia, International Court of Justice trial, in Den Haag the Netherlands
Tuesday, September 4, 2018 6:05 PM

DIEGO GARCIA island, former AFRTS relay site location.
International Court of Justice begins hearing on Britain's separation
of Chagos islands from Mauritius

https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/09/03/mauritius-disputes-uk-acquisition-
chagos-islands-international/

After the forcible expulsion of about 1500 inhabitants, London leased
Diego Garcia to the United States for an initial 40 years. In 2016,
the contract was extended until 2036.

On Diego Garcia located since the early 1970s, the US base Diego
Garcia. He has historically been of great strategic importance for
US military various war operations in, among other places, the Middle
East, Afghanistan, Libya, Syria and Iraq.

https://images.theconversation.com/files/83159/original/
image-20150527-4818-5xvf6s.jpg?ixlib=rb-1.1.0&q=45&auto=format&w=926&fit=clip

'End of empire'

Although the UK says it will hand the islands back to Mauritius
when they are no longer required for defence purposes, the Mauritian
government appears to be losing patience.
https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-45300739
(via Wolfgang Bueschel, DXLD)

Thanks, Wolfie. Diego Garcia is also the location of one of the
U.S. Air Force's GPS monitor stations. Data from the AF (and NGA)
monitor stations is used to determine the satellite orbit and
clock information broadcast by the satellites and used by all GPS
receivers.
73 -- (Richard

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| Fredericton? Where's that? See: http://www.fredericton.ca/
----------, DXLD)

** EUROPE. FRS on air Sunday September 2nd
http://www.frsholland.nl/20-latest-news/121-frs-on-air-sunday-september-2nd.html

Last Sunday's broadcast was seriously affected by a so called
geomagnetic storm, a rare phenomenon occasionally popping up. As a

direct result both 6275 & 7700 frequencies were poorly or even not at all being received in large areas on the European continent. Such storm is just bad luck and can happen; it's simply beyond anyone's control!

We have decided to repeat the full August 26th broadcast next Sunday September 2nd. For those who missed it: it is the inofficial celebration of our 38th anniversary (knowing FRS officially started its broadcasting life on Sunday August 31st 1980). In the past years various interesting themes were presented in our August broadcast: Made in Holland, progressive rock from Dutch bands, the 1967 Summer, Music & Radio Stories, music related to the 'Sea' topic, RNI Musical Memories etc. Also this time programmes will be thematic (see schedule below) and FRS wil offer varied & interesting themes in the different shows. Frequencies will be 48 mb (likely 6275) and of course our main frequency 7700 as well.

FRS-HOLLAND Programme Schedule for Sunday September 2nd 2018

UT NAME PROGRAMME

17:52 Station-opening: ID's & Theme tune

18:02 Musical Express - 'Songs that you used to dance on'. Bert van Leer kicks off with Floorfillers, not frequently played on the radio but popular in the disco in the 70s/80s era.

18:45 German Show - Jan van Dijk is focusing on New Wave/ New Romantic (early 1980s). Plus one or a few radio items.

19:45 FRS Magazine - Peter Verbruggen. Peter Verbruggen recalls typical Big L tunes and some of their stories behind. Back to the mid 1960sÖ Also some radio news items and if times allows the day calendar

20:45 Radiowaves- Dave Scott --- Classic 70s rock show with some rare tracks and of course two land based free radio recordings from the past.

21:50 Close down

Streaming

Choosing for ëthe best of both worldsí FRSH goes for broadcasting on short wave in good old AM and digital high quality web streaming. That means you can make their choice out of two possibilities:
http://nednl.net:8000/frsh.m3u on Sunday Sept. 2nd 1552-1950 UT
http://laut.fm/jukebox on Saturday Sept. 1st 1500-1900 UT

http://laut.fm/jukebox on Thursday Sept. 6th 1700-2100 UT

QSL/letters --- Correct reception reports include: date + time of reception, QTH, frequency, your receiver/antenna and most important: a number of programme details (artists/records etc.). In case you are forwarding an MP3 file (which is much appreciated!) please make sure you include: date, time, frequency QTH within the file name! Thanks in advance! E-mails including correct reception reports to < frs@frsholland.nl > will be consequently replied by our e-QSL. If you prefer a good looking high quality color QSL (hard copy) and large colour sticker (plus personal letter), you must write to our Herten maildrop!! Please enclose 3 US dollars or 3 Euro. Please do not send any IRCs!" (via Manuel Mendez, Spain, WOR iog via DXLD)

HOLLAND, 6280.7, FRS Holland, 1840-1950, 02-09, English, comments, pop songs, ID ìFRS Holland. 35433. // 7700 with SINPO 1421 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol and Lugo, Tecsun S-8800, cable antenna, 8 meters, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FALKLAND ISLANDS [non]. Radio Atlantico del Sur

After a break of several months in adding anything to my blog, I've spent time in fresh research, and that's resulted in recent weeks in posts about British psychological warrior Mariana Flores and "General Galtieri's mystery decree" - https://radioatlanticodelsur.blogspot.com/
(Chris Greenway, England, Sept 2, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FIJI. A QSL on the broadcast band: Gold FM AM 990 kHz logged on August 22nd at 0713 UT. FBC - Gold FM sent verification within 10 minutes of sending e-mail report.

ìHello Chris Martin, AM frequency 990 kHz is one of ours and weíre happy to learn that you are able to receive it in Australia. Weíre also confirming that what you were listening to between 7:13 and 7:27 pm was our simultaneous broadcast of FBC TV News. We air FBC TV News every weeknight from 7 to 7:45 pm. Weíre so glad to know that Goldís AM frequency can also be heard in Australia thanks to your report. Thank you for getting in touch with us, Martin. Have a good one!

Regards, Kara Koroi | GOLD FM Program Director|TV Producer|
Fiji Broadcasting Corporation | P.O.Box 334, Suva.
TEL: (679) 3314333 | DDI : (679) 3220906/907
FAX: (679) 3220990 | http://www.fbc.com.fj
M : (679) 8937439 (via Chris Martin, Ormeau, Queensland, Sept Australian DX News via DXLD)

** GERMANY. Studio 52 via Nauen today 31 August 2018
Mauno Ritola wrote today on the WRTH Facebook group:
Check for Studio 52 via Nauen today between 1300-1500 on 7225 kHz!

1300-1302 dead air, from 1302 fair to good signal (Ivo Ivanov, WOR iog via DXLD)

Someone know the email to send reception report to Studio 52?
Thank you (Dario, Inviato da Yahoo Mail su Android, Gabrielli, ibid.)

Hi Dario,
studio52radiogroup@gmx.de
or studio52@planet.nl
73's (Franck Baste, ibid.)

** GERMANY. Brother HySTAIRical / TOM via Channel 292 on August 31
0000-1400 on 6070 ROB 010 kW / non-dir to CeEu English Fri, last day
1700-2400 on 6070 ROB 010 kW / non-dir to CeEu English Fri, last day
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/09/brother-hystairical-tom-via-channel-292.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, August 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Spain / Germany --- Centauros del Desierto: a new shortwave music program on Channel 292 --- Many thanks to SWLing Post contributor, Diego Collado who writes:

My name is Diego Collado and Iím an 18 year old student from Barcelona, Spain. First of all, thank you very much for your website. It is a great place for getting to know the amazing yet sometimes mysterious world of shortwave listening. It has also been particularly useful when having to choose a radio for shortwave and mediumwave reception.

Iíve been an SWLer myself for a while now, but Iíve decided to actually start my own show on Channel 292, rebroadcasting the radio programme I do monthly at the local radio station in my neighborhood. It is called

ìCentauros del Desiertoì, broadcasting under the ìRadio Colladoî name every first Saturday of the month at 1900 UT on 6070 (Channel 292). There is also a repetition of the show the Saturday after that at the same hour, although this is prone to change if there is a conflict in the schedule. I guess Channel 292 will warn if there is a schedule change. Here is the showís website:
http://centauros.net

Excellent, Diego! We will all look forward to listening to Centauros del Desierto on Channel 292, first Saturday of the month at 1900 UT

on 6070 kHz! Indeed, Iíll listen for you this Saturday (September 1).
???????? [Istochnik]:
https://swling.com/blog/2018/08/centauros-del-desierto-a-new-shortwave-music-program-on-channel-292/)

Via https://vk.com/dxing via RusDX Sept 2 via DXLD)

Hi All, Well Brother Scare seems to have finally finished his sessions on Channel 292, but an interesting note has appeared on their schedule today saying that the station might be off air some times during the next few weeks due to work on their new antenna for 7440 kHz.

Looks like this might be coming into use when the new schedules start, though whether it will replace 6070 or run in parallel with it I'm not sure.

Two new programmes are listed for this evening, 'Radio Collado' at 1900 UT and 'Chris is Vrij' at 2200 (Alan Gale, England, Sept 1, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

"coming soon" :-)
http://www.channel292.de/schedule-7440-khz/
(Harald Kuhl, bdxc-news iog via DXLD)

I was told by someone connected to the station that 7440 will be in addition to 6070 (Paul Watson, ibid.)

Hi Paul, Thanks for that info, should be interesting to see what happens, and how well 7 MHz propagates around Europe. I'll be keeping an ear open for any tests appearing on there. Thanks again and 73, (Alan Gale, ibid.)

Here is what it would face per current Aoki/NDXC:
7440 1200-1400 CHN CHINA RADIO INTERNATIONA Chi Nanning 954 1-7
7440 2000-2057 CHN CHINA RADIO INTERNATIONA Chi Beijing 1-7
7440 2330-0030 THA VOICE OF AMERICA Bur Udon Thani 1-7
(gh, DXLD)

Rainer, the owner/operator of Channel 292, just told me that they plan to transmit both on 6070 kHz and 7440 kHz at the same time. Details are not fixed yet. Vy73 (Harald Kuhl, Germany, Sept 4, bdxc-news iog via DXLD)

Radio Collado on 6070 kHz --- Hi All, A good signal from this programme on Channel 292 at 1900 UT, this is a new Spanish language speech based programme dedicated to the cinematographic world, where every month the filmography of a director is analyzed, along with a bit of current affairs. The station is operated by Diego Collado,

and you can find his website at:
http://centauros.net/

The address for reception reports is: radio@centauros.net

For anyone who missed it, the programme will be repeated in one week at the same time, and there should be a new programme at the start of every month (Alan Gale, England, Saturday Sept 1, WOR iog via DXLD)

** GERMANY. Die Schleichfahrt on C292 1 Files 76KB

Hi All, This programme did finally appear on Channel 292 on 6070 kHz last night at 2000 UT after the weekly DARC Radio, and the format seemed to be two males chatting about various forms of things including radio. No music was heard, and whilst I wasn't able to understand a lot of it, I did hear a number of familiar stations mentioned, such as the 'Voice of the Report of the Week'.

It sounded like an interesting programme, and it would be interesting to know if any of our German speaking members heard it, and what their impressions of it were?

Contact details for QSLs appeared to be given as:
info@schleichfahrt.net

They also have a website where you can hear the programmes as podcasts:
https://schleichfahrt.net/sf/show

Even though Google continues to translate it as 'Creep Speed', the logo they use shows a 'periscope', which does suggests that 'Silent Running' may be far more appropriate: Emacs! 73 for now, (Alan Gale, Sept 4, ibid.)

** GERMANY [and non]. Reception of Studio 52 via MBR Nauen, Aug 31:
1300-1302 on 7225 NAU 100 kW / 240 deg to WeEu - open carrier,
1302-1500 on 7225 NAU 100 kW / 240 deg to WeEu Eng/Dutch, good
from 1500 on 7225 URU 500 kW / 212 deg to SoAs -1600 Hindi CRI
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/09/reception-of-studio-52-via-mbr-nauen.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, August 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY EAST [and non]. Re: [WOR] Czechoslovak anniversary

On Fri, Aug 17, 2018 at 06:43 AM, chrisgreenway_uk wrote:
Here's a good article (written by Don Moore on the 25th anniversary) about the many stations that sprang up inside Czechoslovakia to oppose the invasion:

http://www.pateplumaradio.com/genbroad/czech.html

I'm sorry, but it is unavoidable to point out a factual error that is no minor detail: East German forces did not cross the border. They have been sent into the Erzgebirge mountains, close to the border, but they did not cross over. It appears that their involvement was planned, and so far it remains unclear why the decision had been made to do it without the NVA (perhaps simply because it would have looked too much like Wehrmacht returning), but still the fact remains.

From the other side, Richard Cummings recalls Radio Vltava, the clandestine station broadcasting from East Germany:
https://coldwarradios.blogspot.com/2018/08/clandestine-radio-vltava-during-soviet.html?spref=tw

At Wikipedia someone would perhaps the sentence "transmitters were later identified as being in Wilsdruff, near Dresden, and Karl-Marx-Stadt" mark with a "by whom?":

I have never seen any evidence for the Karl-Marx-Stadt claim, for any other frequency being used besides 1430 kHz from the retuned Wilsdruff transmitter (which continued to transmit Radio DDR 1 on 1043 kHz with the 20 kW aux). It should also be emphasized that this was an established RBI frequency, just otherwise used from Berlin-Kˆpenick, and that even Czech and/or Slovak programmes had been broadcast on this frequency under RBI ID before and after the "Vltava" special programming was produced.

So the whole thing raises quite a number of questions: Using a known frequency and just another name was not a way to hide the origin of a broadcast, and there have also been hints that they did not really try to hide this origin, just putting it in a way of "worried Czechoslovak journalists are broadcasting", which of course was completely ridiculed by the unbelievable stammering (calling it "broken Czech" would be already too much).

And when even staff numbers are being quoted the first, quite urgent question would be: Who had them on the payroll?

At least one other detail is known for sure: From where the broadcasts originated. It was the old Block A building at Nalepastrafle, specifically Studio K4 which still exists in almost unaltered condition and is now used by
http://www.funkhaus-berlin.net/p/dbs.html
(Kai Ludwig, Germany [ex-KMS, East], Sept 2, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Many thanks, Kai, for the additional information. It's fascinating

to learn that the identity of the studio is known, and that it still exists. Unfortunately, the website shows pictures from Block B, but not Block A (Chris Greenway, ibid.)

Same studio also for Berlin Island Station / OPS. Announcers were very courteous people, apparently native speakers of English, never missing to greet the sound technician. Who did not even know their real names, at least suspected that what they were using were not their real names.

The mentioned sound technician also did the very last live broadcast from Adlershof on 31 Dec 1991. After wrapping it up he sat in the control room full of disbelief that the whole TV station will no longer exist tomorrow.

An NOC operator had also something to add: Especially for Vltava a very hard dynamics compression had been set up, and so it singled out on the desk already visually, with the level meter looking as if it got stuck. Standard rant about today almost anything looking, and much more importantly, sounding like this.

``and that it still exists. Unfortunately, the website shows pictures from Block B, but not Block A.``

This particular page indeed features the Block A space and its surroundings. The hallway has been stripped, thus looks different now.

There is kind of a control room twin: K3 and K4, and it seems it was just the other way round as I first wrote, i.e. K4 as regular on air studio for Deutschlandsender / Stimme der DDR (used until 31 Dec 1993) and K3 as reserve, also used for such special purposes. Pictures from this complex are at https://www.dbsmusic.net/our-facilities/
http://tridentaudiodevelopments.com/2016/05/18/dbs-music-berlin/
http://www.hedd.audio/en/dbs-music-berlin-bolsters-newly-build-studios-and-classrooms-with-many-hedd-speakers/

The also mentioned P2 was a production studio next to K3/K4. The "brand new purpose built spaces" are a specialty as well: They have been built into the former RBI playout centre. See the box to the right in the picture at
https://www.radioeins.de/programm/sendungen/medienmagazin/radio_news/beitraege/2015/rbi.html
where the documents at the bottom of the page could be of interest as well.

And it is not a correct description that all the Nalepastraße studio facilities still exist. See the horror picture show at

https://www.radioeins.de/programm/sendungen/medienmagazin/radio_news/beitraege/2014/nalepastrasse.html

(past visitors with a focus on RBI will probably not know the E-T complex of K5...K12 and further smaller studios at all). (Kai Ludwig, ibid.)

** GOA. 11740, AIR (Panaji) at 2146 // 7550 and 9445 with Bollywood vocals ñ Fair to Good Sept 1 - The first time I have heard this one in several months largely thanks to the quiet electrical conditions at Grass Hill repeater site (Mark Coady, Grass Hill, Ontario, Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 80 meter inverted vee, ODXA iog via DXLD)

** GREECE. 7725.5, PIRATE. Zeppelin Radio Athens Greece without ID, only nonstop retro hits on 2/8 at *1800-1900* (I have eQSL from them) (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Sony ICF2001D, Folded Marconi antenna, Sept Australian DX News via DXLD)

** GREECE. 9420, ERT, 2330-0000, 8/30-31/2018. BEAUTIFUL Greek musical and singing selections (what you like to listen to SW for!). From 0000 to 0030 they transitioned into an English segment of ballad-like songs all about the summer or end of summer. Interesting program! Excellent signals, 55434 and less fading as the evening progressed (Bob Dodt, VA, Yaesu FRG-7000, random wire in attic, NASWA Flashsheet Sept 2 via DXLD)

** GUATEMALA. 4055, R. Verdad, Chiquimula. Interval signal on woodwind instruments (recorder-like flute) at 1025. Anthem at 1030 (many verses!!). Xylophone jingle and ID in English and Spanish. Very weak signal at Mount Evelyn compared to last monthís report from the Flinders Ranges. Having said that, it never ceases to amaze me that this station makes it across the Pacific at all on such low power. 24/8 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC, Yaesu FTDX 3000, Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Kenwood R5000, Tecsun PL-680, Horizontal Sky Loop, Double Bazooka antennas for 80, 40 and 20 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU, Sept Australian DX News via DXLD)

4055, Aug 29 at 0632, carrier still on and seemingly open, from R. Truth (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HONDURAS. Roy Barstow's report - in the car at Menauhant Beach: Falmouth, Cape Cod, MA.

Subject: [CapeDX] Menauhant Beach DX on 8/26-27/2018 0300, 120 Deg.
Looking for 1530 STP but no go. But did pick this up.
1530, R. La Guarachera, Choluteca - Man giving ID. twice, then a bird

call and woman saying, La National. After that buried in the mix.

That's it. This summer has been like a different world of DXing. Previous only 1 from Argentina and about 4 from Brazil. Now Many from Argentina and about 2 dozen + from Brazil and throw in many from Southern Africa. I went to Menauhant Beach for more DX last night as it was cool. Will check out files soon. OLD ROY FROM OLD CAPE COD (via Mark Connelly, nrc-am gg via DXLD)

** INDIA. Reception of All India Radio in English in 31mb, Sept 1
1135-1140 on 9620.0 ALG 250 kW / 282 deg to SoAs English, good
1135-1140 on 9949.8 DEL 100 kW / 342 deg to SoAs English, fair
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/09/reception-of-all-india-radio-in-english.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Sept 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 3325, Voice of Indonesia, via RRI Palangkaraya, on Aug 29, at 1134. In Chinese, with no QRM, as NBC Bougainville closed down early today (earlier was heard mixing with VOI); 1159 closing Chinese segment with VOI contact info; at 1201 clearly into the segment in Japanese; by 1215 was almost fair, so certainly one of their better days (Ron Howard, Ocean Beach [San Francisco], CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via DXLD)

With the bands still a little shaky and noisy we do not have a lot to report this week.

3325, Voice of Indonesia at 1250 UT Sept 2 in Japanese to 1300 sign on in English giving frequencies and followed by News at 1302+ UT. Too noisy to hear what frequencies they mentioned. Rx: Perseus SDR, Ant: Wellbrook ALA100 loop. 73 (Mick Delmage, Sherwood Park, Alberta, ibid.)

3325, Voice of Indonesia, 1259, Sept 2. Closing announcement for the segment in Japanese; 1300 into English; "From Jakarta, R R I World Service, Voice of Indonesia, English Service . . . You can listen to our broadcast via shortwave on 9 5 2 5 kilohertz"; today's program schedule; news (Indonesian President and Australian Prime Minister have reached an agreement on Indonesia-Australia comprehensive economic partnership, etc.); commentary; congratulation statement regarding the closing today of the Asian Games; 1318: "Today in History," item about this date in 1945 (at the close of WWII), Ho Chi Minh declared the independence for Vietnam, etc.; later an item about the Voice of Vietnam celebrating their 73rd anniversary of broadcasting and of the cooperation between RRI and VOV --- a search online produced an actual agreement - http://pusdatin.rri.co.id/file/docs/1/1497405956Voice%20of%20Vietnam.pdf

segment "Highlights of the week." This was also heard today by Mick Delmage, in Sherwood Park, Alberta, Canada (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 7290a, 0740, RRI Nabire reactivated, first noted 2/8 with Indonesian talk on 7289.917, poor but improving till s/off 1026. On 3/8 poor at 0740 but improving. Irregular since, variable s/off between 0800 and 0930. Carrier visible from 0600 (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, North Island, New Zealand, WinRadio G33DDC Excalibur Pro & AOR7030+ with EWEs to North, Central & South America, Sept NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. Multinational Telesur to Extend Signal to 25 Countries in Africa
https://www.plenglish.com/index.php?o=rn&id=33025&SEO=multinational-telesur-to-extend-signal-to-25-countries-in-africa

Caracas, Aug 30 (Prensa Latina) The multinational channel Telesur will extend its signal to 25 African countries thanks to the agreement with the cable operator Moja Media, informed the president of that means of communication, Patricia Villegas. 'Telesur arrives in Africa,' tweeted Villegas while celebrating the arrival on August 31 of the television signal in English to countries such as Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Sudan, Mozambique, Gambia and Ghana. Likewise, the television station pointed out in a press release that these actions strengthen its mission to spread the reality of the less favored.

Telesur's statement also highlighted the historical ties between Africa and the Latin American and Caribbean region. We put all the technology of our multiplatform at the service of the peoples of the South, confident that the countries of Africa will be recognized on our screens and will connect with the realities of the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean, concludes the note.
rly/ycf/ga/wup/ebr/gdc (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL WATERS [non]. Ross Revenge --- Hi BDXC, I was lucky enough to visit the Ross Revenge again recently & have now put some of the pictures up on my website - link here -
http://www.emmatoc.com/radioradio-3/4594393848

Still fascinating to see this grand old lady, & very interesting to hear more on her history as a trawler. Also struck me that there were actually 6 studios on board! Never thought when I listened in the 1970's as a teenager to the Mi Amigo that one day I'd be able to drive a few miles & see her successor! A lot can happen in 45 years!

PS: thanks as always for Communication. Excellent as ever (although

my wife still can't understand how I can sit & read pages of frequency listings!). All the best (Jim Salmon, Sept 2, BDXC-news iog via DXLD)

** IRAN. -------- Middle waves. In Iran, too, people live a lot and broadcasting in different languages ?? and dialects is practiced ...

In Farsi, the frequency situation should look something like the one below. Local broadcasting (in all cases, broadcasting also in Farsi):

IRIB Radio Urumiyah (IRIB Radio Markaze Azerbaijaneh Gharb) - Azerbaijani and Kurdish at 576; 936 and 1485 kHz;
IRIB Radio Khozestan (IRIB Radio Ahwaz) - Arabic at 711 and 1602 kHz;
IRIB Radio Zahedan - Baluchi at 657; 783; 1053; 1296 and 1377 kHz;
IRIB Radio Zanjan - Azerbaijani at 792 kHz;
IRIB Radio Tabriz - Azeri at 846; 1026; 1134 and 1323 kHz;
IRIB Radio Mahabad - Kurdish at 882 kHz;
IRIB Radio Dena - Lursky at 891 kHz;
IRIB Radio Kordestan - Kurdish at 945; 999 and 1476 kHz;
IRIB Radio Ardabil - Azerbaijani for 1197; 1269 and 1512 kHz;
IRIB Radio Abadan - Arabic at 1485 kHz.

International Broadcasting:
Arabic (different programs) - 576; 612; 765; 1080; 1161 and 1224 kHz,
Kurdish - 612 and 639 kHz,
Turkish - 639 and 702 kHz,
Azerbaijani (different dialects) - 702 and 1323 kHz,
English - 702 kHz,
Talysh - 702 kHz,
Russian - 702 and 1449 kHz,
Tajik - 720 and 1098 kHz,
Dari - 720 and 1098 kHz,
Urdu - 765 and 1098 kHz,
Pashto - 765 and 1098 kHz,
Turkmen - 1395 and 1449 kHz.

To facilitate identification in a related topic, it is important to remember some frequencies, given the very difficult identification of specific transmitter locations due to the specifics of broadcasting in Iran (many parallel transmitters on the same frequencies).

Publication date: April 10, 2018 (Rolamds Strautmalis, Latvia / http://www.radioscanner.ru/forum/topic50050-20.html via RusDX Sept 2 via DXLD)

** IRELAND [non]. Re: [bdxc-news] [WOR] Listen to the All-Ireland Final worldwide

It gets even better: This week they posted at

https://www.rte.ie/sport/gaa/2018/0827/987808-how-to-watch-the-all-ireland-final-worldwide/
that the whole thing will be on 15320 kHz. But of course no signal there.

This was indeed the last frequency they used for such special broadcasts, from Meyerton. And no such transmissions took place anymore after they terminated the regular shortwave broadcasts (30 minutes on workdays) at yearend 2016.

Looks like someone thinks that "we have always been on 15320". But apparently not anymore since last year (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Sept 2, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ISRAEL. Israeli radio apologises for playing anti-semitic composer Wagner
https://www.france24.com/en/20180903-israeli-radio-apologises-after-playing-music-anti-semitic-wagner

(c) Christof Stache, AFP | The sculpture of German composer Richard Wagner in Bayreuth, southern Germany, on June 21, 2017. [caption]
Text by NEWS WIRES Latest update : 2018-09-03

Israel's public broadcaster has broken a taboo on playing the music of anti-Semitic composer Richard Wagner, apologising on Sunday for what it called an "error".

The drama occurred on Friday, when the Voice of Music, the classical music radio station for the Kan broadcasting corporation, played part of Wagner's Goetterdaemmerung (Twilight of the Gods) opera.

Wagner, whose grandiose and nationalistic 19th-century literary and musical work is infused with anti-Semitism, misogyny and proto-Nazi ideas of racial purity, was Adolf Hitler's favourite composer.

While there is no law in Israel banning the German composer's works from being played, orchestras and venues refrain from doing so because of the public outcry and disturbances accompanying past attempts.

A spokeswoman for Kan stressed on Sunday that "the directives of the Israeli broadcasting corporation have remained as they were for years -- Wagner's music won't be played on Kan the Voice of Music."

"This is out of an understanding of the pain such a broadcast would evoke among the Holocaust survivors in our audience," she said in a statement.

"The (musical) editor erred in his artistic choice to play the piece, and it was a wrong public decision," she said.

"We apologise to our listeners."

Kan's Friday misfortunes, however, did not end with their editor's controversial choice. A "technical failure" during the Goetterdaemmerung broadcast caused some 40 seconds of unwanted silence, after which the rest of the piece was played.

"It might have been the hand of fate," the spokeswoman said.

"The issue is being examined, and we apologise for it too," she added, rejecting conspiracy theories of external intervention to silence Wagner.

Jonathan Livny, an attorney and head of the Israel Wagner Society, "welcomed" the public radio Wagner broadcast.

"We're not playing the composer's opinions, rather the wonderful music he created," said Livny, whose father was a Holocaust survivor.

"Whoever doesn't want to hear the music can always turn the radio off," he said. (AFP) (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** ITALY [non]. REVAMPING THE GOLDEN ERA OF SHORTWAVE RADIOÖ
ÖTHIS IS IBC - ITALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION!!! WE ARE ON THE AIR AS FOLLOWS: Updates: http://ibcradio.webs.com/
[such a mess that I give up trying to edit it rationally --gh]
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ITALIANBROADCASTINGCORPORATION
(via August DX Fanzine via DXLD)

** KIRITIMATI. 846, Aug 29 at 0629, JBA carrier yet audible thru storm noise, from R. Kiribati no doubt. Also August 30 as early as 0456. Gaisma.com claims sunset at Ronton (London), Xmas Island is 19:34 local minus 12 for UT = 0734! But https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/kiribati/kiritimati shows this part of Kiribati is on UT +14 (which = Hawaii UT -10 on other side of dateline!), sunset at 18:34 local minus 14 = 0434 UT! So gaisma is all wrong about this one. And so is WRTH 2018, implying it`s all UT+12; at presstime there was no 846 but there was FM.

846, Sept 1 at 0612, R. Kiribati continues to put a JBA carrier in here 7200 km = 4474 stmi = 3888 nmi away (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. Our Jordan Heyburn makes the news

Jong wave radio --- Armagh man receives propaganda package from Pyongyang after tuning into North Korean radio broadcast

Jordan Heyburn used his shortwave radio to listen to a program transmitted by the secretive state
by Michael Havis 29th August 2018, 4:51 pm

A RADIO buff who tuned in to a North Korean broadcast was in for the shock of his life when a propaganda package from Pyongyang arrived at his house. . .
https://www.thesun.ie/news/3046672/armagh-man-propaganda-package-pyongyang-north-korea-broadcast/
(via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

Daily Mail, Irish Sun & Sputnik Stories === Good Evening, I was interviewed by a freelance journalist after posting my QSL card and letter from Voice of Korea.

It was used by the Daily Mail, Irish Sun and Sputnik (Russian State News Agency) and two interviews with the BBC World Service one which was pre-recorded and the other being live on the air on the 30th August (Yesterday). The BBC World Service took a really big interest! I'd like to share the newspaper links and the youtube video I uploaded of my interview which was live on the BBC World Service. I felt it was blown out of proportion but I'm very happy they took a big interest in shortwave itself.

Irish Sun
https://www.thesun.ie/news/3046672/armagh-man-propaganda-package-pyongyang-north-korea-broadcast/

Daily Mail
http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6109777/British-man-tunes-North-Korean-broadcast-gets-propaganda-package-post.html

Sputnik
https://sputniknews.com/viral/201808301067585870-north-korea-shortwave-radio-package/

Youtube URL :
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ro0ccUo7cyc
Best Regards, (Jordan Heyburn, Aug 30, WOR iog via DXLD)

"Shocked" to receive a goody pack from a Communist country!?!?

It's good to see that there are still countries where this goes on - it's a long time since I've seen a copy of Pyongyang Times,

China Reconstructs, Kontakt (Youth Magazine of the GDR) or a pocket calendar of Che or Fidel.

I'm delighted to see the record high cement production figures: hardly surprising, under the Supreme Leader's correct Marxist-Leninist -Juche ideology! At least there is still ONE country sticking up for Proletarian Internationalism and Workers' Solidarity against the paper tigers of Imperialism, Revisionism, Neo-Colonialism and their Reactionary Bourgeois lackeys! Up the workers! (Mark Palmer, bdxc-news iog via DXLD)

Back circa 1971, I sent a reception report off to Pyongyang, involving their then-655 kHz MW signal, as heard in Southern California. Although I was certain of the source, I really didn't expect to hear back from them. About a month later, I received a small package including a card saying I did NOT receive their station (which I dispute to this day), a calendar and several editions of "The Pyongyang Times", in English.

Six months later, I was still receiving anywhere from three to five editions per week of the "Times", all in praise of "our respected and beloved leader, Kim il-Sung". I finally contacted the local Post Office, assuring them I was not a teenage spy for North Korea, and asking them to stop the deliveries. They did, immediately. No more letters to or from North Korea! So, for what it's worth ... (-- GREG HARDISON, Sept 2, WOR iog via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 6165, JAPAN, Shiokaze/Sea Breeze at 1300, W in Japanese in heavily accented English, electronic tones between items. - VG August 30

6165, JAPAN, Shiokaze/Sea Breeze station at 1300, opening with very familiar piano music, M and W, monologues in Korean lang. - VG August 31

6165, JAPAN, Shiokaze/Sea Breeze station at 1300, opening with piano music, M in Japanese, jailbreak alarm sound effect. I can confirm: on again, and I still am not hearing any DPRK jammer here. - VG September 1 (Rick Barton, from Central Arizona, Grundig Satellit 205(T.5000) & 750; RS SW-2000629, & ATS-909X with various outdoor wires. 73 and Good Listening....! -rb, WOR iog via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 9885, National Unity R., Dushanbe. Korean commentaries to NE Asia at 1210, fair signal. I suspect this is via Dushanbe and NOT via Taiwan as appears in some lists, but happy to be corrected! 24/8 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC, Yaesu FTDX 3000, Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Kenwood R5000, Tecsun PL-680, Horizontal Sky Loop, Double Bazooka antennas for 80,

40 and 20 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU, Sept Australian DX News via DXLD)

When I heard this July 19 at 1311, with a fair S8-S5 signal, as in DXLD 18-30, I favored Taiwan for propagational reasons (gh, DXLD)

** KUWAIT. 15540/DRM R Kuwait English programming mostly not decoding as shown in this evaluation dialog with spotty decoding shown 1845-1850.

KuwaitDRM.jpeg [graph labeled: correctly decoded audio history]

In Stereo 17.46 kbps & bopping between 5-17 dB s/n with everything north of 13-15 decodingósort of. 453+ with lots of skipping, about ënormalí, with only 6 minutes decoded during the half hour I listened. 1825-1903 25/Aug + DReaM (Ken Zichi, Port Hope MI2, SDRplay + SDRuno + ANC-4 + random wire, MARE Tipsheet 31 Aug via DXLD)

** MADAGASCAR. 5010, MADAGASCAR: R. Madagasikara, Antananarivo, Malagasy, 03/09 0339. Coment·rio por voz masculina, mˈsica instrumental. 35543 (Rudolf Grimm, S„o Bernardo SP, Rx: ëmeuí kiwiSDR + antena miniwhip (padr„o PA0RDT) ñ equipamento instalado em S„o Bernardo SP, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

This one very seldom reported from N America. Variable fq? (gh, DXLD)

** MADAGASCAR. 9490, Sept 5 at 2210, poor S3-S5 with Chinese ID including ``guangbo diantai``. O, it`s just MWV, unlike the previous hour in Chinese on 11610, which is usually well heard here at 325 degrees for Europe, while 9490 is aimed 55 degrees for China (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA [non-Sarawak]. 9835, Sarawak FM, via Kajang (on the west coast of the Malaysia peninsular), 1046, Sept 2. Islamic call-to-prayer broadcast to listeners in Sarawak, for the Maghrib prayer (soon after sunset, which at Kuching [Sarawak] was at 1042); fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via DXLD)

** MEXICO. XETNT-650 Los Mochis --- Announcement heard on my June 2nd Perseus recording stated that they were moving the FM from 106.5 to 100.5 in 8 days. It's now September, and their web page and Facebook page still show 106.5 everywhere. This station has told me via Facebook message that they plan to keep broadcasting on 650 AM. 73 (Tim Hall, CA, Sept 2, ABDX yg via DXLD

** MEXICO. 870, Sept 1 at 1210, I hear a bit of the Mexican NA by a

solo voice, 1211 some YL talk maybe unSpanish, smacking of XETAR, La Voz de la Sierra Tarahumara, Guachochi, Chihuahua, which I have been trying to confirm still on the air, but unheard today or othermornings

from nominal *1200 for a daytimer in the summer; apparently flexible. Today at 1200 I was getting otherSpanish, surely KLSQ Nevada [see USA]. The only other western Mexican on 870 is XEFIL in Mazatl·n; neither is on Tim Hall`s roster of stations he has confirmed to have left AM for FM (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1520: see OKLAHOMA [and non]. KOKC

** MEXICO. Re: Mexican AM migration --- Have any of them carried their XE call over to FM or did they have to pick up an XH call for it? 73, (Kit W5KAT, CO, Aug 29, ABDX yg via DXLD)

The rule for this migration goes something like this:

1. Change the E to an H. If no other station already has this call, you're done (e.g., XETP-1380 became XHTP-95.5).
2. Add an H before the E. If no other station has this call, you're done (e.g., XESJC-660 became XHESJC-93.1 because XHSJC was already taken - their AM is still on the air BTW).
3. If you're still below 6 letters, add another letter (e.g., XEM-850 had to become XHHEM-103.7 because XHM and XHEM were both taken).
4. If you still haven't found an available set of call letters, pick a new 6-letter callsign from scratch.

From what I've seen among several hundred final results, there's a pretty good mix of rule 1 and rule 2, with just a handful of cases where they had to resort to rule 3. Offhand, I don't recall any cases (in this migration) where a station was allowed to carry their XE calls to FM (XEYY-FM), although a few do seem to use that as a slogan, especially if they had been on AM for a very long time. I'm not sure I recall any station having to pick a totally unrelated set of new call letters... though this DOES happen when they let their license lapse for even a little bit of time, or even when a station repurchases their old AM frequency at auction after moving to FM (this allegedly happened with XEMU-580, which is allegedly now XELRDA although they still seem to ID as XEMU). The new IFT seems to be VERY particular in enforcing the licensing process. 73 (Tim Hall, ibid.)

** MEXICO [and non]. RAYMIE`S MEXICO BEAT this week --- with DTV=TDT

I had one idea, and then I ran into something else. So it's a twofer.

Coverage Spotlight: XHTDMX

For all the issues some people seem to have receiving it, XHTDMX is the most powerful VHF television station in the country at an ERP of 170 kW. (The other Vs operate at 163.640 and 50.183 kW.) The previous title holder was 75 kW XHMTA in Matamoros. [illustration:]

http://forums.wtfda.org/showthread.php?9113-OPMA-is-changing&p=46663#post46663

XHTDMX, like most Mexico City stations atop Chiquihuite, maintains a shadow in the north, to serve areas shaded by Pico Tres Padres. (This is a must for coverage reasons.) The Tultepec shadow has an ERP of 10 kW.

The signal should also reach areas of Toluca, with fringe reception possible in Pachuca.

It is also worth noting from an American perspective that XHROSL and XHTDMX actually exceed the 160 kW cap the FCC imposes on effective radiated powers for high-V. (IFT-013-2016 does not appear to include an ERP cap for digital television stations.) In some ways, this is like in analog, where the US maximum for a high-VHF station was 316 but Mexico's upper limit was 325 kW ERP.

Mexico City is also home to the UHF power king, 513 kW XHTVM.

First on the Mexico Beat: The Next 100 kW FM Is Coming...to Nayarit

So a few more IFT-6 TV stations showed up that I didn't have in my emails to Doug Smith. (There were three more, bringing the total present to 14. We are missing 18 stations: XHICCH, XHMTCH, XHCOSL, XHRCSP, XHTSCO, the Telsusa 12, and XHFAMX.) One of them is XHRTNA Acaponeta-Tecuala Nay., which is literally between Acaponeta and Tecuala sharing a stick with XHLH-FM 98.1.

While attempting to figure out whose radio stick it was, I tried XHETD-FM 92.5. Instead, I got XHETD-FM...97.3. I brushed it off as another error, but I decided to come back to it. Good thing I did.

The IFT seems to have approved souping up XHETD, relocating it from 92.5 to 97.3 and upping its power to 100,000 watts (HAAT 114.16 m, Class C1). This likely is to help this migrant shed its continuity obligation. The new XHETD relocates from that XHLH-FM site to a site labeled as Rosamoranda (actually the town is Rosamorada); the site is closer to the village of Pericos. The site would be around 22∞03'11.8"N 105∞21'04.2"W.

A view of the coverage shows Tepic is on the very fringe, which may indicate a rimshot attempt. The new coverage area runs from Tecuala in the north to the fringes of Tepic in the south.

The move seems to have been in the works for a few years. In 2014, the concessionaire met with IFT Commissioner Adolfo Cuevas Teja to discuss moving its stick.
http://www.ift.org.mx/conocenos/pleno/agenda-publica/adolfo-cuevas-teja/reunion-con-comunicacion-integral-de-nayarit-sa-de-cv

Worth noting: the head of Alica Medios, Antonio EchevarrÌa GarcÌa, is now more noteworthy as the Governor of Nayarit, having been elected last year.

It may be worth looking to see if more stations with continuity obligations have power increases...
http://forums.wtfda.org/showthread.php?9113-OPMA-is-changing&p=45002#post45002
(Raymie Humbert, Phoenix AZ, August 29, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

Quote Originally Posted by Raymie
``For all the issues some people seem to have receiving it, XHTDMX is the most powerful VHF television station in the country at an ERP of 170 kW.``

VHF is tough to receive on an indoor antenna. Nothing new there.

Quote Originally Posted by Raymie
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This is an interesting anomaly about how analog licensing was done in the US. In analog, although we thought of ERP in kW most frequently, the FCC actually licensed stations in dBk, which is number of dB above 1 kW, and to the nearest tenth of a dB. So, to use a simple example, a UHF station at 1000 kW would be licensed for 30 dBk. In the case of high-VHF, it turns out that 316 kW is 25 dBk (or, to be exact, 24.99687... dBk). The 100 kW low-VHF limit, not surprisingly, was 20 dBk. Mexico probably did not license stations in that way, so it makes sense that they rounded to the neater-looking 325 kW. (Of course, the difference turns out to be about 0.12 dB, so imperceptible as a general matter.)

That also explains the somewhat odd power levels that you would see for UHF analog stations. Many stations would be licensed with power levels like 2950 kW or 3020 kW, but why never 3000 kW? Well, 2950 kW is roughly 34.7 dBk, while 3020 is roughly 34.8 dBk. The FCC permitted UHF stations to operate as high as 37 dBk, which is

actually not 5000 kW, but more like 5010 kW.

The FCC no longer does this now that we're digital, which is how you can see values like 990 kW for WXLV even though 29.9 dBk would be 978 kW.

The more you know

Come visit RabbitEars for all your digital TV subchannel informational needs. Comments are my own and not that of the FCC (my employer) or anyone else (- Trip Ericson, Alexandria VA, Aug 30, ibid.)

Glenn, that AM list is kind of a big deal! [150 stations gone from AM, by Tim Hall, as in DXLD 18-35]

It includes some Combos of '94: XEHLL, XEOPE, XECHH, XECHG, XEZN, XEBQ and XELI.

With these additional stations, 18 or 19 combos of a total of 83 ó nearly one in four ó have bid farewell to AM. Your list does not have XECSV, which I believe is off the air as well, as XEZS's sign-off was described as the last AM in the city going dark.

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GatesAir announced on Wednesday that Grupo Imagen had ordered 11 FM radio and 7 TV transmitters from the company. http://www.gatesair.com/media-center/news/media-update-alert-gatesair-wins-in-mexico

Most of the FM transmitters should be for existing stations, though one could very well be for IFT-4 station XHPCPG-FM, which has data in the coverage viewer. The 18 transmitters will go in a total of 17 cities (Raymie, Aug 31, ibid.)

A robbery affected XHLTO-FM in LeÛn on August 4, knocking the Universidad de Guanajuato FM station off the air. http://zonafranca.mx/roban-transmisor-de-radio-ug-en-leon-suspension-de-senal-podria-provocar-multa-de-cofetel/

Engineers noticed that the station wasn't operating on the afternoon of August 4 and found that the Orban audio processor had been stolen from the transmitter at Las Hilamas in LeÛn. (Las Hilamas is also the home to TV Azteca's LeÛn transmitters.)

The station has said "technical failures" have kept the station off air, not the missing audio processor. However, technical complaints have been on the menu for years with XHLTO's signal. University

employees are concerned about negligence of the university's radio system, according to the report.

The article itself is riddled with some other mistakes. Someone needs to tell the writer that Cofetel ceased to exist five years ago this month (Raymie, Sept 2, ibid.)

Coverage Spotlight: XHLAR-FM?

XHLAR-FM 89.7 Bacalar Q. Roo, a social station awarded in 2016 and with no known programming, at first looks...a little...weird in the Coverage Viewer.
http://forums.wtfda.org/showthread.php?9113-OPMA-is-changing&p=46697#post46697

And zooming in gets a little more baffling...

So the primary transmitter has an ERP of 5.853 kW. But look at all those C pins. C pins mean Complementarias ó shadows!

Unfortunately, the C pins have the same info as the primary transmitter pin. However, these appear to be the shadows of XHNUC-FM ó which do not show up under XHNUC's entry.
http://forums.wtfda.org/showthread.php?9113-OPMA-is-changing&p=41835#post41835

Look again at the blotches. The two west of Canc˙n are the XHNUC shadows of KantunilkÌn and Nuevo X-can. There's another in Playa del Carmen, a fourth on Cozumel, a fifth at Tulum, and going further south, there's a sixth where Felipe Carrillo Puerto is. Not very visible is the seventh shadow, Chetumal.

I'm not sure if this is a housekeeping error or if it means XHLAR is related to XHNUC. It's very likely that XHLAR is a wolf (Raymie, Sept 2, ibid.)

There are some questions worth asking around the country with some radio station concessions now listed as expired in the RPC (with no known reason yet).

The stations are XENET, XHRCG, XHEAT, XHKD, XHSFT, XHHHI, XEDJ, XHZK, XHVS, XHEPB, XHI, XHEDL, and XHLI (Guerrero).

Most of the stations fall into three buckets: RCG stations in Ciudad AcuÒa, stations in Hidalgo del Parral (edit: XHEAT is Multimedios), or Radio S.A. stations (and we all know how many financial problems they've had).

The others are XHZK, XHSFT, and two non-surprises on the AM band. Neither XENET or XEDJ had transmitted this decade.

XENET (1320 AM in Mexico City) went down with Monitor on May 23, 2008. After the Henkel family acquired XEINFO, it was the only station with Monitor programming.

XEDJ (1450 AM in Magdalena de Kino, Sonora) "Radio Clave", most famous for once employing Luis Donaldo Colosio, had not transmitted since probably 2004. In Magdalena, the only radio station operating is XHLDC-FM 90.7, which in August 1997 adopted a special callsign honoring the town's most famous native.

Also, not worth making its own post, Domi Bello de Tenorio's second station (Taxco, Guerrero) will take the air as XHSCAK-FM 107.9. Last edited by Raymie; 09-05-2018 at 12:57 PM (Raymie, ibid.)

Larsa high-tails it from Mexicali: For a company with such dominance in Sonora, they can't seem to stay in other states. They only ran XHRAW for five months, and now it looks like they're done in Mexicali. With their departure, ToÒo leaves Mexicali as well, as XHMUG-FM reverts to La Poderosa and the cluster to Radiorama (Pergom) operation.

Here's the winner in Monclova: Pamela Berenice GarcÌa Aguirre is the winner of the Monclova permit forest. The losing applicants were FundaciÛn Multimedia, A.C., and Radio Cultural del Centro, A.C. FundaciÛn Multimedia appears to be a wolf for Telesistemas de Coahuila, owners of XHSDD-TDT in Sabinas. Radio Cultural del Centro's legal representative was Luis Abelardo Gonz·lez Galindo, who has cable concessions in Sonora and Coahuila. Nothing is known about the winner.

Technical changes greenlit: XHQW, XHBO, XHMLO and XHEN are all getting technical changes that increase their coverage. They will be class B1, B, B1 and B stations, respectively. It appears that XHBO is a class change ó it's a Class A now.

Televisa has its buyer, but not Prisa: According to DarÌo Celis of ExcÈlsior,
https://www.dineroenimagen.com/dario-celis/ingenieros-favor-del-naim/103010

Televisa will sell its 50% of the radio business to Banco Santander. However, the Prisa portion of the sale is still up in the air. Former Grupo Modelo stakeholder Carlos Fern·ndez, Roberto Alc·ntara of Grupo IAMSA, and Francisco Gonz·lez of Multimedios all turned down the opportunity. In addition to other potential bidders that have been mentioned as showing interest, the report mentions Radio FÛrmula, not previously seen as in the hunt, and the El Financiero newspaper.

[tagline:] Este programa es p˙blico, ajeno a cualquier partido polÌtico. Queda prohibido el uso para fines distintos a los establecidos en el programa (Raymie, Sept 5, ibid.)

** MEXICO. 6185, Aug 30 at 0431, S9+20 Spanish quite undermodulated, but turning up volume with ECSS helps, drama mentioning UNAM, and 0436 Radio EducaciÛn ID which XEPPM is still using on Mexico`s only SWBC station left standing (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. 5960, Sept 2 at 0125 JBA carrier, but not at 0143. Mighty KBC via GERMANY will move here next week at 0000-0200 UT Sundays. Currently in Aoki/NDXC on 5960 is 100 kW from PBS Xinjiang, Urumqi, East Turkistan at 2300-0257, tsk2. Current KBC frequency for the last time this year, 9925, is also JBA carrier at 0143 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. Radio New Zealandís transmission site at Titahi Bay north of Wellington has been in the news recently:

ìWith panoramic views of Mana Island and nearby golfing greens, the future use of Radio NZís surplus land at a popular public park in Porirua is up in the airwaves. The state broadcaster, which owns a portion of Whitireia Park by its transmission site above Titahi Bay, has told Porirua City Council it is interested in having the greenfield land re-zoned for residential development.

RNZ has seen its need for land in the area fall along with the number of its transmission masts so it has been in discussion with the council, which is currently reviewing the cityís district plan, over the landís future use. RNZ spokesman John Barr emphasised the organisation was ìnot a property developer and have no intention of developing this land ourselvesî.

ìNothing has been confirmed or committed to as yet and any potential changes to land use are likely to be many years away. ìRadio NZ is taking the opportunity to think ahead to the time when it will have more land than it needs at Titahi Bay and there may be better uses for it.î

One of Radio NZís landmark radio masts at Titahi Bay was felled for safety reasons in 2015. The area has long been a home for the state broadcaster. Prime Minister Michael Joseph Savage spoke when it opened a building and tower there in 1937. But times have changed, and the number of transmission masts will have dropped from three to one new one being built to replace another later this year.î (Stuff 1 Aug18)

[Interesting that a mast apparently built only 10 years ago already

needs replacement? Bryan Clark]

In a response to this press article, Alma Hong, RNZís Chief Technology and Operations Officer wrote that the new 137 metre mast will be positioned where the 220m mast removed in 2016 was located to the west of the transmitter building. The existing 137m mast in the north east corner of the property will be removed in 2019. The 53m mast that has since been removed, was at the southern end of the Titahi Bay Golf Club. RNZ has been in discussion with the Porirua City Council as the council reviews its district plan and framework for land use in partnership with Ngati Toa. Given the likelihood that RNZ will not need the full site in the near future it made sense to look to other potential uses. Nothing has been confirmed or committed to as yet and any potential changes to land use are likely to be many years away. RNZ is taking the opportunity to think ahead to the time when it will have more land than it needs at Titahi Bay, and that there may be better uses for this landî said Ms Hong.

[This seems to indicate that RNZ is anticipating an end to its AM operations from the Titahi Bay site. BC] (via Sept NZ DX Times via DXLD) Was SW site back in the 7.5 kW era (gh, DXLD)

** NIGERIA. 7255-, Sept 1 at 0607, VON is AWOL again (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. 9690, Voice of Nigeria at 1916 with a woman with a news magazine with African tribal rythymns music bridges between items and many mentions of ìLagosî and ìNigeriaî with a brief telephone interview of a man about government issues and into a telephone interview of a woman about women's issues ñ Fair Sept 2 Coady-ON ñ

What a pleasant surprise to stumble across this one as they are not listed in English at this hour. They are listed in half-hour blocks from 1600 to 1730 in Swahili, Yoruba, and Ibo respectively and in Fulfulde from 1930 to 2000. Is this English program a new development or a one off mistake? (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iog via DXLD)

9689.91 - V. of Nigeria, 1935 03 Sep 2018, OM with apparent news at tune in language (Fulfulde?) several mentions of Nigeria. Short afro music bridge to more talks by same announcer. Signal at fair/good levels (S7/8) only slight static and brief fades. Definite afro accent (Stephen C Wood, Harwich, Mass., Perseus SDR, 20 x 40 terminated superloop antenna, hauula7@comcast.net WOR iog via DXLD)

Just a heads up, some sites list Voice of Nigeria on 9690 at 2000 but one or two I found list it at 1930, which is correct. RFI from

Issoudun comments in Hausa at 2000 also on 9690 and VoN is still on; and it sounds like an absolute mess (Paul Walker, PA, 2011 UT, HCDX via DXLD)

Just heard a FRI [RFI?] ID by a YL at 2014 UT, but there's obviously two stations here with carriers on 9689.91 and 9690.01 present, along with the het (Chris Smolinski, Black Cat Systems, Westminster, MD USA http://www.blackcatsystems.com 2016 UT, HCDX via DXLD)

This is what 9690 sounded like yesterday on my radio when Nigeria was still on and RFI Came on; it was horrible. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sf7bzinR-Y4pCnt8vB_cIpshXV-zdbUm/view?usp=sharing (Paul Walker, Sept 3, ibid.)

7255-, Sept 4 at 0602, VON is on again (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks for that one! Today, at 1830+ I could only trace VON on 15120 DRM, both 7255 and 9690 were completely blank. Now, at 1925, 9689.9 is active along with 15120, end of the English section. 73 (Thorsten Hallmann, Germany, Sept 4, WOR iog via DXLD)

9689.9, Voice of Nigeria, Ikorodu, 1929-1935, 04-09, tuning music, mentioned "Nigeria", vernacular comments. 25433 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Log in Lugo, Tecsun S-8800, cable antenna, 8 meters, ibid.)

Excellent signal here on ECNA of Voice of Nigeria in Fulfulde and then Hausa on 9690 kHz with great indigenous music we used to hear all the time once upon the time. Tune in for me was at 1935 UT with music and programming in Fulfulde, switching to an hour in Hausa at 2000. Not all music, but enough to keep the dial nailed to 9690 (John Figliozzi, Halfmoon, NY, ICOM IC-7300, A/D DX Sloper, 2051 UT Sept 5, WOR iog via DXLD)

I have it too in NW PA. RFI comes on 9690 in Hausa from Issoudun at 2000 for half an hour (Paul Walker, 2052 UT Sept 5, ODXA iog via DXLD)

Hi Paul - RFI not heard here, curiously enough. Nigeria is S9+ here. (John Figliozzi, 2058 UT, WOR iog via DXLD)

Hearing it on a Eton E1XM Radio at 2055 UT, good signal here in Aiken South Carolina with Alpha Delta DX Ultra Antenna inverted vee! With music and now male announcer at 2058! (Brant Hunt, ODXA iog via DXLD)
Here is what RFI vs Nigeria on 9690 sounded like at my house a few days ago at 2000
https://drive.google.com/open?id=1sf7bzinR-Y4pCnt8vB_cIpshXV-zdbUm
(Paul Walker, Sept 5, odxa iog via DXLD)

** NIGERIA [non]. Dandal Kura Radio International via MBR Issoudun, Sept 1:
0600-0700 11910 ISS 100 kW / 167 deg to CeAf Kanuri, very good signal
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/09/reception-of-dandal-kura-radio.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Sept 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Ndarason International via Woofferton, Sept 1
0700-0800 on 13810 WOF 250 kW / 165 deg to WeAf Kanuri, very good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/09/reception-of-radio-ndarason.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Sept 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11830, FRANCE, Dandul Kura Radio at 1954 in Kanuri with a woman taking several phone calls then mentioning a website at 1956 with ID of ìRadio Dandul Kura Internationalî and accordion-like instrumentals and off at 1958 ñ Good Sept 2 Coady-ON

12050, ASCENSION ISLAND, Radio Ndarason International at 2011 in Kanuri with African tribal rythmn vocals and a man and woman with talk ñ Fair Sept 2 (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iog via DXLD)

** NIGERIA [non]. SECRETLAND, Radio Nigeria Hausa Sce/Radio of Truth via SPL Secretbrod, Sept 3:
1800-1900 on 15110 SCB 050 kW / 195 deg to WeAf Hausa Radio Na Gaskiya, fair to good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/09/radio-nigeria-hausa-sceradio-of-truth.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Sept 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 7470, USA (religious pirate), Radio YHWH at 0300 (in progress at tune-in), "Josiah" trashing Catholic church, pope, definitely a rerun tape as I've heard this monologue x100 word for word. ID of sorts at 0310. Suddenly cut out at 0313, but I could still hear weak carrier using the BFO. Back on recheck at 0320. Very strong, then another outage at 0331. Excluding the cut-out, was Good 44444 here with SW-2000629, outdoor longwire. September 1 (Rick Barton, from Central Arizona, Grundig Satellit 205 (T.5000) & 750; RS SW-2000629, & ATS-909X with various outdoor wires. 73 and Good Listening....! -rb, WOR iog via DXLD)

7470, Sept 1 at 0437, YHWH is S9 but undermodulated, in very strange conditions lacking anything extracontinental on the band, stronger than weakened 7505 WRNO, about equal to attenuated 7570 WRMI and stronger than 7730.

Also vs. high local (line?) noise level at S7, but which peaks worst

at S9+10 in the 3.7-5.5 MHz range, rather wiping out any DX on the 60m band. Below 3.7 it`s only S9, and by 9 MHz only S1. I can`t find any household device causing it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7470, USA (religious pirate), Radio YHWH at 0220 usual voice and monologue. Odd tapping insect-like sound I soon realized was an OTHR radar co-channel, but buried by YHWH's signal. Dropped out suddenly at 0235. Left the big Grundig set to the channel and then Josiah is back on at 0312 with Good level signal, but dropped out again at 0322. Heard very weakly after a cupla minutes - Variable Sept 4 (Rick Barton, Listening from Arizona, Grundig Satellit 205(T.5000) & 750; RS SW-2000629, & ATS-909X with various outdoor wires. 73 and Good Listening..! :D ! -rb, WOR iog via DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6959.95, Sept 2 at 0132, JBA AM carrier and still at 0149 when I measure it. No logs in HFUnderground now, but a few days ago Radio Illuminati was reported on this off-frequency (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6959.95, Sept 3 at 0046, JBA carrier, off-frequency previously linked to Radio Illuminati. Now several 6960 unID reports including some interesting SSTV images at https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,45645.0.html One image captioned ``Sprokets Radogram [sic] Show #3``, and PRRL logo after ARRL design. ``In Rocket Chat azimuth coordinator says that he is testing a new transmitter`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. == FM free radio and oddness from Larry Will on vacation: see U S A

** OKLAHOMA. 515 kHz, Aug 31 at 0623 UT, NDB PN in Ponca City, a semi-local always audible day & night, has developed quite a chirp, i.e. pitch of tone wobbles as each letter is keyed (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. 1520, KOKC, OK, Oklahoma City on 8/31, at 2215 [EDT = 0215 UT Sat Sept 1]. First heard only unID Mexican station on the frequency, then propagation change, and live p-b-p coming thru. Moore (Moore OK) v. Westmoore (OK City OK). "Moore Lions football", "Jaguars". Some mentions of other area schools, making for some confusion (Midwest City, Yukon). Another very clear ID at 2301. Good, but over and under the Mexican station most of the time. Break at 2228 for ID, local spots. Tuned a little offset to avoid slopover from KFNN (MW band logs from Rick Barton, central Arizona; using Satellit 205, RF-2200 or ATS-909X (unless otherwise stated). Times and dates listed in Eastern. So far, no new logs due to cheating broadcasters, but here is what I have heard, in case something useful is here for

anyone else. 73 and Good Listening.....! -rb, WOR iog via DXLD)

Not likely to hear a Mexican here on 1520, but the closest one to Rick, by far, is XEEH, San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora --- but is supposed to be a 1 kW daytimer (gh, DXLD)

** PALAU. 9960, Sept 5 at 1433, S9 undermodulated choral music with hum. Furusato no Kaze via T8WH is scheduled this semihour only, while HBN is on 9965 until 1430 and after 1530; why the shift? Seems like World Harvest Radio may have defaulted to some of its own fill music instead of the North Korean clandestine originating in Japan about abduxions (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGSEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3260, NBC Madang (Maus Blong Garamut), Aug 29, noted cut off at 1209* (Ron Howard, Ocean Beach [San Francisco], CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via DXLD)

Short Wave solution for PNG's NBC Western
Radioinfo-12 hours ago Friday 31 August, 2018

Read more at:
https://radioinfo.com.au/news/short-wave-solution-pngs-nbc-western
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PNGís NBC Western is to reinstate short wave services on Daru Island.

The station has been facing neglect for two years, deteriorating staff housing, to rundown studio facilities, to non-operation of FM services in the Province.

As there is no standby generator the station is dependent on the town power supply and recently NBC Western was off air as the town supply was cut for a number of days.

The installation of a short-wave service is seen as a quick fix so that the station can continue to keep the local population informed of local and national news and issues (via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

with 3:01 YT audio-video labeled www.emtv.com.pg
NBC Western Continue to Serve Despite Challenges

An NBC guy is talking, shots of station, The Voice of the Sunset does not serve all of South Fly district and is currently off due to no standby generator. He realizes SW provides much wider coverage than FM. Now ready for installation of ``two kilowatt transmitters``, ambiguously. Daru is in the SW corner at the point closest to Australia.

WTFK??? As we DXers well remember, it was on 3305, but off for how long? In fact it is still in WRTH 2018, on 3305, and 6080, but among numerous stations double-daggered meaning inactive but could resume at any time without notice (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3260, NBC Madang (Maus Blong Garamut). 1006+, Sept 2. Another Sunday with their usual format; long segment of preaching in Pidgin and also religious songs.

In light of the item in WOR iog, about the possible reactivation of NBC Western, I therefore checked on Sept 2, at 1006, all of the 90 meter band, as well as 3905, with the result that NBC Madang today was the only active PNG station. The often heard NBC Bougainville (3325) was silent today.

My last reception of NBC Western, was on 3305 kHz, back in March, 2012 and heard with a positive ID for "N B C Western." NBC Western is named for the "Western Province" in southwestern PNG.

Have to wonder what ever happened to the Radio Fly SW transmitters (3915 & 5960 kHz), at Kiunga, in the North Fly district, that were owned and operated by the Ok Tedi Mining Ltd.? It was in Aug 2012, that I last heard Radio Fly on 3915. They have been silent for many years now. Would think NBC would look into the possibility of buying the transmitters if they were still operational? Roseanne (ìRosieî) Kulupi (former Radio Fly radio technician and announcer) left the station many years ago and I have lost track of what the current situation is with the Radio Fly transmitters. Nice picture of Rosie up on Mt. Robinson, with some of the communications techs. In the background are some of Ok Tedi's facilities to process the mine's gold and copper -
https://app.box.com/s/uhm382tbyzy84fhvss7q .

Radio Fly reception was often enjoyed here on the west coast, so must have had very good reception throughout the Western Province. My 2012 audio clip -
https://app.box.com/s/9206adc824dac8c36043
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, WOR iog via DXLD)

** PARAGUAY. PY: four AM frequencies
    1 Files   1003KB   PDF
    py-180811conatel-2018-RD-1236-COP.PDF

RE: NOVEDADES DE LA RADIO EN PARAGUAY --- 21/08/2018 (DXLD 180828 [sic])

For more detailed information on the licencing process of four AM

frequencies in Paraguay see
https://www.conatel.gov.py/index.php/2015-02-17-19-32-25/2015-02-25-12-56-42/127-rd-2018

"RD N∞ 1236/2018
POR LA CUAL SE OTORGAN LICENCIAS PARA LA EXPLOTACI”N DEL SERVICIO DE RADIODIFUSI”N SONORA PARA ESTACIONES POR MODULACI”N DE AMPLITUD (AM) EN LA BANDA DE 535 A 1.605 kHz, CORRESPONDIENTE A LA LICITACI”N P/BLICA N∞ 02/2018.- DESCARGAR"

Unfortunately, my knowledge of Spanish is not good enough for a summary of my own (Dr Hansjoerg Biener 3 September 2018

WTFK? 1120, 1250, 1360, 1450 (gh, DXLD)

** PARAGUAY. Swedish DXer Jan Edh reported the following Paraguayan station offsets in early May to Arctic Radio Clubís MW-Eko magazine:

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 919.927, ZP1,     Radio Nacional, AsunciÛn. (but see below)
 970.008, ZP9,     Radio 9-70, AsunciÛn.
1020.096, ZP14, Radio —andutÌ, AsunciÛn.
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Radio Nacional del Paraguay has inaugurated a new 100 kW transmitter a month ago or so. This transmitter is often noted on 920.001 kHz. During installation both the old 20 kW transmitter on 919.926 kHz and the new one were heard simultaneously here in South of Sweden. The old one is still in use during parts of the day. Lately only 920.001 has been heard here (Thomas Nilsson via RealDX Yahoo Group 30/8 via Sept NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** PERU. Re: ``Los vengo captando en los 5820.00 kHz, en m·s de una oportunidad, Èsta es una estaciÛn que la hemos venido escuchando desde tiempo atr·s, en cadenas con otras estaciones del interior del paÌs. La seÒal salÌa desde Lima 1380 kHz, pero ahora los escucho en esta frecuencia. Eso era parte de los reportes como R. Chaski anteriormente, pues solo decÌan el ID de la Radio al s/on y/o s/off (5980 kHz).

5820.00, PER/, R. Nuevo Tiempo, (?), 2300-2335 UT [fecha?], 44444, m˙sica y programa religioso, ID "Radio Nuevo Tiempo" (escuchar grabaciÛn adjunta), solo dan el ID, mas no indican de quÈ lugar transmiten ni frecuencia alguna. Los he encontrado en Facebook
https://www.facebook.com/radiontperu/
(Pedro Arrunn·tegui in Lima via Tore B Vik, SW Bulletin Aug 12 via WORLD OF RADIO 1843, DXLD 180814)``

[SIC: 1843 was gh typo for 1943; 180814, HjB`s renaming of DXLD 18-33]

R. Nuevo Tiempo is a media brand of the Seventh Day Adventist
Church, present in several South American countries,
e.g. http://nuevotiempo.org/peru/
There is a Brazilian short wave station R·dio Novo Tempo de Campo
Grande - Mato Grosso do Sul on 4895 kHz.

A list of programmes broadcast in Peru can be found at
http://nuevotiempo.org/peru/programas-de-radio/
A promotional article on the blessings of listening to the programmes
was published at
http://nuevotiempo.org/peru/una-radio-un-balsamo-que-alivio-las-aflicciones-de-su-vida/

http://nuevotiempo.org/peru/radio-nt-frecuencias/
provides a list of affiliates (as of Ñ17/09/2015ì). Neither this
one nor the jpg-image at
http://nuevotiempo.org/peru/files/2017/04/PubliFrecuencias.jpg
refer to short wave (Dr Hansjoerg Biener, 5 September 2018, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA. 13750, R. Romania International, in English on 19/8 from
1139 with program ìListenerís Letterboxî, repeated from 1739 on 11810
(despite of their web site where ìDX Mailbagì is shown at the same
time ñ 1139) (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Sony ICF2001D, Folded
Marconi antenna, Sept Australian DX News via DXLD).

** ROMANIA. Reception of IRRS EGR / UNRadio via RADIOCOM Saftica
Sep 2
0930-1200 9510 SAF 100 kW / 300 deg WeEu English Sun, very poor
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/09/reception-of-irrs-egr-unradio-via.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Sept 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAAR. ---- Original Message -----
Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2018
Subject: Die Heusweiler Wahrzeichen fallen

die Saarbr¸cker Zeitung vom 3.9. meldet, daflˇ der Abbruchtermin f¸r
die MW-Masten der ehemaligen Europawelle Saar nun feststeht.

Alles weitere siehe untenstehender Link
https://www.saarbruecker-zeitung.de/saarland/saarland/heusweiler-sendemasten-an-der-a8-werden-abgebaut_aid-32512813

https://www.saarbruecker-zeitung.de/imgs/03/3/7/3/3/9/5/2/3/
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w540_h303_x744_y1200_SZ_37210647_790815111_RGB_190_1_1_ffc2f248aeadaecf64b0b6fc97e3a07d_1535978786_790815111_6b7d37befa-18f9032960409528.jpg

https://www.instagram.com/p/BZV7If7nel9/?utm_source=ig_embed&utm_campaign=embed_loading_state_control
(via Wolfgang Bueschel, Sept 4, DXLD)

Last one is beautiful shot of still-standing two towers at sunrise/sunset (gh, DXLD)

** SAMOA. Samoaís national radio 2AP signal (presumably 747 AM. BC) around the country and neighbouring American Samoa and Tokelau, is about to be boosted. Australia is giving Samoa US$3 million dollars for a new transmitter mast. It is a continuation of aid to the stationís AM frequency radio station that is a vital tool of information, especially during natural disasters. The current mast was built by Australia after cyclone Ofa in 1990 and needs replacing.

Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop announced the funding on Thursday, saying it is vital people are kept in the loop during natural disasters. ìWe are talking about 21st century technology to ensure that the people of Samoa and surrounding areas remain as safe as they possibly can be and as informed as they are able to be and connected to each otherî (RNZI Pacific via Rob Shepherd via Sept NZ DX Times via DXLD)

Radio 2AP, Apia, 747 kHz. Julie Bishop, from the Australian government has given the government in Apia 3 million dollars to upgrade communications, this includes the broadcast band outlet! As of 30th August a month later Julie Bishop has resigned from her foreign affairs poll [post]. So who knows if 2AP will see this money! (Robert Shepherd, Toowoomba QLD, Sept Australian DX News via DXLD)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 21670, R. Saudi International in Indonesian on 5/8 at 0910 with strange ID ìRadio Saudi Nacionalî [sic]. They have 3 nets on SW: General/Main program (which is relay of Radio Riyadh), National ìHoly Quranî program, both in Arabic; and Foreign Service or Radio Saudi International (as is their ID in the broadcasts in French and other languages) (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Sony ICF2001D, Folded Marconi antenna, Sept Australian DX News via DXLD).

Radio Riyadh on unscheduled frequencies 7410 & 9650 kHz, August 30, instead of 9715
till 0605 on 7410 RIY 100 kW / non-dir to N/ME Arabic Holy Quran
from 0855 on 9650 RIY 100 kW / non-dir to N/ME Arabic Holy Quran
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/08/radio-riyadh-on-unscheduled-frequencies.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, August 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5020, Aug 29 at 0630, JBA carrier presumed SIBC

where it`s almost Honiara sunset at 0718. Nothing yet from 4835
Queensland, which Manuel MÈndez says he detected in Spain this early,
longpath. We have 4840 WWCR with which to contend, but sometimes
MUF falling below (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 9330.07, WBCQ Monticello ME (presumed);
2111, 8/26; Bro. HyStairical, ìProphets are liars.î (Duh!) SIO=2+53
peaks with QSB to zilch (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B +
185' RW, ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time &
without the aid of a computer! -----, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. NEW RNE REGIONAL/LOCAL SCHEDULE AS OF SEP. 3rd 2018

UT +2
R1-R5 05'45-06'00 R
R5 07'15-07'30 L/R(*)
R5 10'25-10'30 R
R1-R5 11'10-12'00 R
R1-R5 17'45-18'00 R

SAT/SUN
R5 07'05-07'15 R
R1-R5 11'30-12'00 R

(*) each region decides.

RNE is working in a big change of the R5-TN programing starting
in October, so this schedule may be valid only for September. 73!

(Mauricio Molano, Salamanca, ESPA—A - SPAIN, RX site: Aldea del Cano,
C·ceres. LAT: 39∫17'09.70 N LONG: 6∫19'00 W
RX: PERSEUS. ANT: WELLBROOK ALA1530S+
http://moladx.blogspot.com/
Aug 31, WOR iog via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. Al Jazeera English's "The Listening Post" (media news
and comment) had a piece this week end on Radio Dabanga, which
broadcasts to Darfur region on shortwave from studios in Amsterdam:
https://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/listeningpost/2018/09/radio-dabanga-darfur-
losing-media-lifeline-180901084935506.html
It is apparently facing loss of funding from the EU and some NGOs
(Chuck Albertson, Seattle, Wash., Sept 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Radio Dabanga: Is Darfur losing its media lifeline?
The Amsterdam-based station sheds light on a region that the Sudanese
government prefers to keep in the dark.

02 Sep 2018 09:07 GMT Media, Sudan, Journalism, Politics, Middle East

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It's been more than 15 years since the conflict in Sudan's western region of Darfur began, but there is no end in sight to the violence. The Sudanese government continues its attacks on local rebel groups, who accuse President Omar Al-Bashir's administration of oppressing non-Arab communities and Darfur's civilian population.

But Khartoum's ongoing campaign of ethnic cleansing, mass killings and sexual violence is no longer in the international spotlight - there is a media blackout, by design. As Sudanese journalist Shammal Al-Nur explains, "Today, the government claims categorically that there's no longer a crisis in Darfur and they want to control what news sees the light from this conflict zone. Journalists are not allowed to go there and Sudanese reporters are prohibited from discussing the security situation. For the media in Sudan, the crisis in Darfur is the pivotal issue that our news outlets refrain from tackling."

But for Darfuri, accurate, unbiased information on what's happening around them can mean the difference between life and death. Which is why one news outlet has become of critical importance - Radio Dabanga.

Beaming into Sudan from 1000's of miles away in Amsterdam, Dabanga says that more than 3 million listeners tune into their programming on a daily basis. They rely on a significant network of citizen journalists and civilians on the ground in Darfur to produce their reports.

[Radio] Dabanga has become the lungs with which Sudanese people breathe, reporting on issues that are fundamental to the survival of the population.

Kamal Elsadig, Editor-in-Chief, Radio Dabanga

Kamal Elsadig is the editor in chief of the station. In Dabanga's studio in Holland, he explains that "Dabanga has become the lungs with which Sudanese people breathe, reporting on issues that are fundamental to the survival of the population. For example, when the war was raging in Darfur, we were informing people where the fighting was taking place, so they had the information on how to get to safety".

Eric Reeves is a Senior Fellow at Harvard University. He has
been studying Sudan for more than 20 years and says that Dabanga
is the most important news source when it comes to establishing
what's happening on the ground in Darfur. "There is no human rights
reporting presence so the extraordinary network of civilians on the
ground speaking directly to Radio Dabanga in Amsterdam is the base
on which we know a wide range of topics in Darfur".

Hassan Berkia of the Sudanese Journalist Network ads that "while other
media outlets in Sudan are censored, Dabanga's location in Amsterdam
allows its journalists to report freely. The government, and its
state media outlets, claim the Darfur crisis is over but Dabanga
tells a different story. They report on the absence of security, the
poor conditions in the camps, the number of victims. The government
doesn't want that side of the crisis to come out".

Despite the critically important role that Radio Dabanga has come to
play for Sudanese audiences, the station now finds its future under
threat. The station relies on funding from a consortium of EU states
and NGOs. But European governments and the Sudanese authorities
are now working together to fight terrorism and migration, which
is having an effect on the station's funding - it's drying up. This
could mean that Dabanga's days are numbered.

The Listening Post's Johanna Hoes reports from Dabanga's studio in
Amsterdam, on the radio station that sheds light on a region that
the Sudanese government prefers to keep in the dark.

Contributors

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'Compromising with Evil'
Shammal Al-Nur - journalist, Al-Tayaar Newspaper
Source: Al Jazeera (with 9:43 stereo audio-video, via DXLD)

** SUDAN SOUTH [non]. 11620, EYE Radio, Talata-Volonondry. Tnx
to Glenn Hauser's tip on the ABDX site, Eye Radio heard with a
fair signal at *0400-0413 on 6/8. Opening with "plinky" tune &
announcements in Sudanese Arabic, numerous "Eye Radio" mentions
during new briefs & ID with website
http://www.eyeradio.org
at 0413 (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA, PL380/6m X wire [which is
a classy way of saying I wrapped 6m of bell wire around the roof-rack
on the XTerra & alli-clipped it to the '380's whip], Sept Australian

DX News via DXLD)

11620, Aug 30 at 0415, Eye Radio via MADAGASCAR this hour M-F,
YL in heavily African-accented English very hard to understand,
news mentioning Juba, S5 with deep fades. (Since there are multiple
mutually incomprehensible native African languages influencing
how English be spoken, one would assume various other Africans
would also have a hard time understanding a different ESL version,
right? Everyone should strive for an American accent as compromise,
hi) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hmmm; need to think about that, but certainly wouldnít offer up
Aussie Strine as a better alternative -cs (Craig Seager, ed., Sept
Australian DX News via DXLD)

FRANCE, Good signal of Eye Radio in Arabic / English via TDF Issoudun,
Sept 3:
1500-1600 15410 ISS 250 kW / 139 deg Juba Arabic/English/other* M-F
*including other langs: Dinka, Nuer, Shilluk, Bari, Zande & Lutoho
in varies time
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/09/good-signal-of-eye-radio-in.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Sept 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN [non]. RTI Testsendungen September 5900 kHz (Test
transmissions from RTI on 5900 kHz) --- Today I received the following
message from the German service of Radio Taiwan International
(English translation):

Radio Taiwan International plans to change the transmitter provider
for its german service via shortwave because of costs. Please
monitor the following test transmissions: September 7th (Friday),
September 8th (Saturday), September 14th (Friday) and September
15th (Saturday) each from 1900 to 1930 UT on 5900 kHz. We are
looking forward for your reception reports. Thanks you for your
support. E-Mail: deutsch@rti.org.tw, http://german.rti.org.tw
https://www.facebook.com/rti.deutsch
73, (Manfred Reiff, Sept 4, WOR iog via DXLD)

China (Taiwan): Radio Taiwan International considers changing
the relay site for the German service. In preparation for this
cost cutting measure RTI has test broadcasts on the new station
(probably Kostinbrod): Fr/Sa 7/8 and 14/15 September, 1900-1930 UT
on 5900 kHz. Reception reports are welcome at deutsch@rti.org.tw
(Dr Hansjoerg Biener, 4 September 2018, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

sounds like "bad audio sound" quality from Sofia Bulgaria relay,
via SPC-NURTS Sofia Kostinbrod Bulgaria relay site,
QSL via ? Spaceline Ltd., Sofia Bulgaria.

CEO Dimitar Todorov <lz1ax -at- mail.bg>
Ventislav Georgiev, Technical Manager, SpaceLine Ltd, BULGARIA
(Wolfgang Bueschel, Sept 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Altho he cannot axually have heard it yet (gh)

And the transmitter site is a Brod but no secret, instead specified at http://german.rti.org.tw/whatsNew/
What I find pretty remarkable is how frankly they state on the record that Woofferton is too expensive (Kai Ludwig, Germany, WOR iog via DXLD)

Es sagt: ``(Senderstandort: Kostinbrod, Bulgarien)`` (gh, DXLD)

** TAIWAN [non]. WORLD NEWS. ========== Russia ---------- Moscow. The second meeting of listeners of the Radio Taiwan International was held in Moscow on September 1, 2018 at the Marriott Tverskaya Hotel. Online translation of this event in the social network "Facebook" on our page: Russian Service of Taiwan Radio International - https://www.facebook.com/rtiruss/.
(Anatoly Klepov, Moscow, Russia, RusDX Sept 2 via DXLD)

** TIBET [non]. 11601, Voice of Tibet, Dushanbe. Tibetan news program at 1240 with a good signal, 24/8 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC, Yaesu FTDX 3000, Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Kenwood R5000, Tecsun PL-680, Horizontal Sky Loop, Double Bazooka antennas for 80, 40 and 20 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU, Sept Australian DX News via DXLD) Another one only 1 kHz offset (gh)

TAJIKISTAN, Frequency changes of Voice of Tibet, August 30
1330-1400 NF 9889 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan, ex 9896
1335-1400 NF 9894 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan, ex 9876
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/08/frequency-changes-of-voice-of-tibet_31.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, August 30-31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. Fair signal of Voice of Turkey on wrong frequency 13675 kHz, August 30, all EMR 500 kW
0500-0655 13675 / 210 deg CEAf Hausa/Swahili, instead of 13765
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/08/fair-signal-of-voice-of-turkey-on-wrong.html

TRT Voice of Turkey on another very odd frequency 13635.7 August 30:
0600-0900 13635.7 / 310 deg WeEu Turkish, instead 13635.0 August 29
from 0900 13634.9 / 310 deg WeEu Turkish, instead 13635.7 and again
from 0930 13635.7 / 310 deg WeEu Turkish, instead 13635.0 August 29
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/08/voice-of-turkey-on-another-very-odd_30.html

Unscheduled broadcast of Voice of Turkey on 11730 kHz, August 30:
0700-0755 11730 / 072 deg CeAs Azeri as scheduled in A-18
0800-0825 11730 / 072 deg CeAs Bosnian, unscheduled on SW
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/08/unscheduled-broadcast-of-voice-of.html

TRT Voice of Turkey on another wrong frequency 11730 kHz, August 30
0830-0900 11730 EMR / 072 deg CeAs Persian, instead of 11795 kHz
0900-0955 11795 EMR / 105 deg WeAs Persian as scheduled in A-18
1000-1025 9855 EMR / 032 deg CeAs Tatar, today again no signal
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/08/trt-voice-of-turkey-on-another-wrong.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, August 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

TRT Voice of Turkey on odd frequencies 13765.7/11795.7/9855.7 kHz
on Sept 1 [all EMR 500 kW]:
0500-0655 13765.7 / 210 deg CEAf Hau/Swa, instead of 13765 August 31
0830-0955 11795.7 / 105 deg WeAs Persian, instead of 11795 August 31
1000-1005 11795.7 / 032 deg CeAs Tatar, instead of 9855.7 for today
1050-1025 9855.7 / 032 deg CeAs Tatar, instead of 9855.0 August 15
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/09/trt-voice-of-turkey-on-odd-freqs.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Sept 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UKRAINE. RFE/RL Outraged At Data Disclosure Order Targeting
Ukrainian Investigative Journalist --- September 04, 2018

WASHINGTON -- Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) is outraged at
a Ukrainian court's approval of the prosecutor-generalís request for
the cellphone data of an RFE/RL Ukrainian Service reporter spanning
a period of 17 months, calling the ruling excessive and in flagrant
violation of international standards.

ìThe courtís decision is inconsistent with Ukraineís own commitments
to promote and protect a free press. It creates a chilling atmosphere
for journalists and should be nullified,î said company spokesperson
Joanna Levison.

"That the request targets well over a year's worth of data belonging
to a prominent Ukrainian investigative journalist raises deeply
troubling questions about the real intent of those seeking the
information," she said.

The request, approved by a Ukrainian court on August 27, permits
investigators to obtain information from mobile service providers
about calls to and from RFE/RL journalist Natalia Sedletska, author
and host of the acclaimed anti-corruption TV program Schemes:
Corruption in Details. The information includes phone numbers; the
date, time, duration and geolocation of calls; sent and received

text messages and photos, and other data.

The prosecutor-generalís office has said the information is part of a criminal investigation into the alleged disclosure of state secrets by Director of the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine Artem Sytnyk during a meeting with journalists last year. Sedletska, along with other journalists, is a witness in the case.

During the period covered by the request (July 2016 to November 2017), Schemes reported on several investigations involving senior Ukrainian officials, including the prosecutor-general, Yuriy Lutsenko.

RFE/RL is preparing a complaint to the prosecutor-generalís office claiming the request exceeds legal limits and intrudes into the private life and protected information of a journalist. It will also appeal to the Supreme Justice Council that oversees the countryís courts that the court ruling does not correspond to the needs of the investigation and is unsubstantiated.

With over 11 million viewers, RFE/RLís investigative program Schemes: Corruption in Details is an award-winning weekly program that has been devoted to exposing high-level political corruption and abuse of power in Ukrainian society since 2014. A joint production of RFE/RLís Ukrainian Service and Ukrainian Public Television (UA:Pershiy), Schemes also airs on the private Ukrainian Channel 24, independent channel Hromadske TV, and on Facebook and YouTube.

RFE/RLís Ukrainian Service, with a monthly average of over 4 million visits to its website in 2017, sets a standard in the Ukrainian media market for independence, professionalism, and innovation. In addition to Schemes, it provides Ukrainian-speaking audiences with important reporting on developments in Ukraine, Europe and the EU, and accurate coverage of eastern Ukraine and Crimea on its award-winning Donbas Realities and Crimea Realities websites.
https://pressroom.rferl.org/a/rfe-rl-outraged-at-data-disclosure-order-targeting-ukrainian-investigative-journalist/29471693.html
(4 September 2018 via Dr Hansjoerg Biener, DXLD)

** U A E. 17680, TWR at 1258 in Arabic with Babcock theme then TWR IS at 1300 and ID of ìYou are tuned to the international voice of Trans World Radioî twice and into male vocals to a man with opening announcements at 1301 and more male vocals and a man with talk at 1302 with many mentions of ìAllahî ñ Fair to Good Sept 1 (Mark Coady, Grass Hill, Ontario, Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 80 meter inverted vee, ODXA iog via DXLD)

** U K [and non]. Babcockís Media Services to be sold

There is a new name to get familiar with:
https://www.encompass.tv/encompass-to-acquire-babcocks-media-services/

Note the statement from Encompass about their reasons for purchasing Babcockís Media Services. It does not mention the word "radio" at all. Seems to me that radio distribution will in future be just a legacy service, kept in the same way Babcock already keeps the traditional stuff of World Radio Network after they likewise took over this company three years ago. Just consistent with the observation quoted at
https://twitter.com/ChrisGreenwayUK/status/1022963699374596099

The sports stuff mentioned in the statement is this:
http://babcock.media/latest/001017/

And a picture is worth thousand worths [sic], so just compare the photos from 2004
http://travelseries.de/trav2004/trav04_4.htm
https://www.addx.org/textarchiv/04-23-18-20.pdf

with the current ones of what has in the meantime developed into a TV/video NOC:
http://babcock.media/virtual-tour/

I would be surprised if Encompass keeps the former WRN HQ, because they already have a facility in London:
https://www.encompass.tv/encompass-london/
(Kai? Ludwig, Germany, Sept 2, shortwave sites yg via DXLD)

Technocrats (Colin Miller, VE3CMT, ibid.)

ENCOMPASS TO ACQUIRE BABCOCKíS MEDIA SERVICES

Posted on August 29th, 2018 by juliett

"Global technology services company has reached a definitive agreement to purchase Babcock International Groupís Media Services business"

LONDON/ATLANTA (August 29, 2018) ñ Encompass Digital Media, a global technology services company delivering end-to-end video playout and distribution solutions to broadcast and digital media companies, announced today it has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Babcock International Groupís (Babcockís) Media Services business. This deal expands Encompassí scale in EMEA and extends the companyís combined channel playout, transmission and digital products portfolio while adding international radio distribution to its suite of services.

ìAcquiring Babcockís Media Services business increases our presence in the EMEA region, expands our video services offering, specifically in the live streaming sports arena, and bolsters our collective relationships with some of the most important media companies and public service broadcasters around the world,î explains Chris Walters, Encompass CEO. ìWe are thrilled to be adding a large number of highly regarded industry professionals to the Encompass team.î

The amount of technical complexity required to generate and deliver content to viewers continues to grow exponentially, and the acquisition of Babcockís Media Services business represents a continued push to offer end-to-end, highly reliable and scalable services to media companies. With combined resources, Encompass will offer enhanced solutions to capture, process and deliver video content from any source, in any format, to any destination in the most efficient manner possible.

ìI am delighted that Babcockís Media Services business is becoming a part of one of the leading global providers of managed video services. The combination of Encompassí significant international presence and prestigious customer base, together with Babcockís growing capabilities in the rapidly expanding live streaming market and our market-leading position serving many of the worldís leading international radio broadcasters, will further cement Encompassí global reputation as THE provider of choice,î states Nick Thompson, Managing Director of Babcockís Media Services business.

Encompass has existing facilities in the UK, US, Singapore, Argentina, Latvia and India; this acquisition will grow its operations in the UK and Singapore and add operations in Oman and Ascension Island.
About Encompass Digital Media

Encompass is a global technology services company focused on supporting TV networks, broadcasters, sports leagues and digital leaders with the delivery of their linear/nonlinear video content across television and digital platforms. Services include: global transmission and connectivity, channel playout, OTT/TV streaming and VOD, live events and disaster recovery. For more information, please visit www.encompass.tv, and follow us on social media ñ LinkedIn and Twitter.

About Babcockís Media Services business

As the trusted media partner to the worldís leading broadcasters and content owners we provide the complete range of fully-managed solutions to deliver channels and content to global audiences across any platform. For more information, please visit: www.babcock.media
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(via Harald Kuhl, bdxc-news iog; via Rich Cuff, DXLD)

Hi Glenn - A company called Encompass, which is a USA-based provider of media distribution services and solutions, is buying Babcock Media -- who operates the BBC World Service transmission sites outside of the UK (Ascension, Cyprus, Oman, Singapore) and owns the remaining UK shortwave site in Woofferton.

https://www.encompass.tv/encompass-to-acquire-babcocks-media-services/

It would seem to be a logical move -- Babcock has it roots in construction and engineering (think Babcock & Wilcox) -- whereas Encompass is specifically a media content delivery provider -- so these transmission assets would be complementary to what they already do.

The news release (cited above) suggests employees are moving as well.
(Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, Sept 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sale of shortwave stations used by BBC --- Babcock International Groupís Media Services business is to be sold to Encompass

Chris Greenway tweeted:
Engineering/defence contractor Babcock, which owns UK's last remaining shortwave transmitting station (Woofferton) and operates BBC shortwave and medium wave relay stations in Ascension Island, Cyprus, Oman and Singapore, is selling its media operations
https://twitter.com/ChrisGreenwayUK

Encompass says:
This deal expands Encompassí scale in EMEA and extends the companyís combined channel playout, transmission and digital products portfolio while adding international radio distribution to its suite of services.
https://www.encompass.tv/encompass-to-acquire-babcocks-media-services/

Babcock Media Services Radio Distribution
http://babcock.media/services/radio-distribution/
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source: http://www.southgatearc.org
(via Harald Kuhl, Germany, Sept 5, bdxc-news iog via DXLD)

** U K. Skelton, Penrith and the World 1943-1993 now available as free pdf

BBCeng.info update August 13

A personal account by the author Ken Davies.

Following my request I have been notified that Cumbria County Council, the publishers of this book, would have no objection to it being on bbceng. Unfortunately I have not been able to contact Ken Davies but, given the nature of the publication, I think it is likely that he would approve. He clearly wanted to celebrate the achievements of everyone involved with Skelton transmitting station and his efforts in compiling this record are gratefully acknowledged.
https://www.bbceng.info/additions/2018/Skelton,
%20Penrith%20And%20The%20World%201943-1993%20-%20K.%20Davies.pdf
(via Mike Barraclough, UK, WOR iog via DXLD)

** U K. BBCR4: Kirsty Young to take break from Desert Island Discs due to health issue --- She is suffering from fibromyalgia, which the NHS describes as a long-term condition that causes pain all over the body. Press Association Last updated: 30 August 2018 - 11.20am
http://home.bt.com/news/showbiz-news/kirsty-young-to-take-break-from-desert-island-discs-due-to-health-issue-11364292177395
(via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** U K. 648 kHz --- Perhaps the sea-path from the Essex coast relies on the signal crossing the "soggy bits" of Kent. The land on the North Kent Coast around Birchington is quite low-lying and liable to flooding as are the Romney Marshes further south. Here in Verwood, 12 miles inland from Bournemouth, Caroline's signal is almost nil during the day, Morrisons car park and the car radio being the best options. Noted quite good reception one day last week around 2030 when collecting a family member from another part of the town. It was quite like listening to 208 many years ago. An hour later it had disappeared into the background "mush". Probably short-skip reception with little interference from the ground-wave. Regards,
(Ian Brooks, Verwood, Dorset, Sept 2, bdxc-news iog via DXLD)

** U S A. TRUMP THREATS TO CLOSE WWV STATIONS: SEE WORLD OF HOROLOGY

** U S A. 8137-USB, Sept 5 at 1318, VP signal partially readable, marine weather info in live conversational tone, sounds like WCY Marine Weather Center, Lakeland, Florida, which I used to hear on 12350-USB. Probably QSY to lower frequency for degraded propagation. 1323 contact with a subscriber, ``Papa Whisky``. Yes, 8137 is another WCY frequency, per complete sked here showing both at once:
http://www.caribbeancompass.com/shortwave_2018.pdf
For updates see http://www.mwxc.com

Found this during complete bandscans of the 8, 12 and 16 MHz marine bands, hunting for any CW VVV or CQ ID markers, and not a one! to be heard. (Nor for that matter, any in the intervening fixed bands)

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Another NOtice To AirMen (NOTAM) was issued on August 3 regarding New York Volmet. It says the system will be unserviceable (U/S) for one more year. I suspect the system does not allow notices to be effective for more than one year.

A0292/18 - VOLMET 10051, 6604, 3485, 13270 U/S. 03 AUG 13:47 2018 UNTIL 02 AUG 23:59 2019 (Mike Cooper, Aug 30, DXLD) = WSY70

** U S A. My take on the future of US international broadcasting. Independent news is necessary and sufficient ...
http://thehill.com/opinion/international/404378-the-world-needs-news
(Kim Andrew Elliott, KD9XB, Aug 30, WOR iog via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. 7375, Aug 30 at 0424, VOA via BOTSWANA talking about an ECOWAS radio station in English, French, Portuguese, something new, maybe on SW?? But soon on to another topic about domestic violence against women in SÈnÈgal.

Searching finds news that the Economic Community of West African States got a radio station in Monrovia, Liberia, in March 2018. It had been a UN station, then transferred to ECOWAS. WTFK, FM only? WRTH had UNMIL Radio on 91.5 in Monrovia, plus three others elsewhere. Searching voanews.com on ecowas radio gets no recent hits
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. WORLD OF RADIO 1945 monitoring: barely confirmed, Wed Aug 29 at 2103 on WBCQ 7490+, VP in noise level, gh voice recognized but only presumed it`s the latest edition --- until 2114 when my rotating mid-show catchprase is the one I utter this week, ``the media magazine you monitor with your mind``!

But once again this week, 9955 WRMI is OFF past 2100, until *2102 Wed Aug 29, JIP WOR a sesquiminute late; could they start turning on this transmitter a few minutes earlier?? At S6-S7; 9395 was already on at S7-S8. Next:

Thu 2330	WBCQ 9330v to WSW [maybe]
Fri 2330	WBCQ 9330v to WSW [maybe]
Sat 0631	HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1230	Unique Radio via WINB 9265 to WSW [NEW]
Sat 1431	HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1930v	WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sat 2130	WBCQ 9330v to WSW [maybe, or 2330?]
Sun 0310v	WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1030	HLR 9485-CUSB to WSW
Sun 2130	WRMI 7780 to NE

Sun 2330 WBCQ 9330v to WSW [maybe]
Mon 0130.5 WRMI 5850 to NW, 7780 to NE
Mon 0300v WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0330 WRMI 9955 to SSE
Mon 0400 WRMI webcast only, non-direxional
Mon 2330 WBCQ 9330v to WSW [maybe]
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030 WRMI 7780 to NE, 5950 to WNW [or #1946?]
Tue 2130 WRMI 5950 to WNW [or #1946?]

WORLD OF RADIO 1945 monitoring: confirmed Thursday August 30 at 2330 on WBCQ 9330.15, fair --- first time heard on 9330V irregular schedule since Tuesday August 7! But not 24 hours later (gh, DXLD)

GERMANY, Reception of World of Radio via HLR on 6190 CUSB, Sept 1: 0631-0700 6190 GOH 001 kW / 230 deg to CeEu English Sat, good signal Wrong frequency announcement:"...HLR SWSce on 7265 kHz", instead of 6190
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/09/reception-of-world-of-radio-via-hlr-on.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Sept 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Checking Saturday Sept 1 after 1431 on Utwente SDR for WOR on Hamburger Lokalradio, 6190-CUSB, nothing heard until a trace by 1457.

Alan Gale, England, reports: ``Hi Glenn, Very odd propagation from HLR on 6190 kHz today. It was coming in well here from around 1230, even good in the AM mode, but typically dropped down in strength at around 1425 and was then up and down in QSB right till the end of your programme, with just a couple of peaks in strength at around 1440 and 1450. I had to switch to CUSB to hear the rest of the info. I guess that now we are into September we'll see the propagation on 6 MHz changing a lot in the coming weeks.`` Next:

Sat 1930v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sat 2130 WBCQ 9330v to WSW [maybe, or 2330?]
Sun 0310v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1030 HLR 9485-CUSB to WSW
Sun 2130 WRMI 7780 to NE
Sun 2330 WBCQ 9330v to WSW [maybe]
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Tue 2130 WRMI 5950 to WNW [or #1946?]
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GERMANY, Reception of World of Radio via HLR on 9485 CUSB, Sept.2:
1030-1100 9485 GOH 001 kW / 230 deg to CeEu English Sun, good signal
Wrong frequency announcement:"...HLR SWSce on 7265 kHz", instead of
9485
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/09/reception-of-world-of-radio-via-hlr-on_2.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Sept 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9485, Hamburger LokalRadio, Goehren, 1023-1115, 02-09, English, ìMedia
Network Club [sic; Plus]î, at 1030 Glenn Hauserís program ìWorld
of Radioî, at 1100 Spanish, ìRadio Tropicalî, ìMundofonÌasî. 35433
(Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol and Lugo, Tecsun S-8800,
cable antenna, 8 meters, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF RADIO 1945 monitoring: confirmed UT Sunday September 2
at 0336 on WA0RCR, 1860-AM, Wentzville MO, 14 minutes into show so
started circa 0322; poor in storm noise level. Next:
Sun 2130 WRMI 7780 to NE
Sun 2330 WBCQ 9330v to WSW [maybe]
Mon 0130.5 WRMI 5850 to NW, 7780 to NE
Mon 0300v WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0330 WRMI 9955 to SSE
Mon 0400 WRMI webcast only, non-direxional
Mon 2330 WBCQ 9330v to WSW [maybe]
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Tue 2030 WRMI 7780 to NE, 5950 to WNW [or #1946?]
Tue 2130 WRMI 5950 to WNW [or #1946?]
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn. Missed WOR last week as 5130 crapped out in the noise. Tuned
a half hour later to 9955 and there was nothing there. This evening
the signal was great on 5130 but for the hell of it after it was over
I tuned to 9955 again and there was nothing there again. Just thought
I'd mention it (John Carver, mid-north Indiana, 0338 UT Monday Sept 3,
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF RADIO 1945 monitoring: confirmed September 2 at 2156, the
Sunday 2130 on WRMI 7780, poor. Also confirmed UT Monday September 3
at 0130.5 on WRMI 7780 very poor, and 5850 very good. Also confirmed
UT Monday September 3 at 0315 amid the Area 51 via WBCQ on 5130-,
poor. WRMI 9955 a JBA carrier at 0330 UT Monday September 3, but
WOR confirmed on webcast and the immediate repeat after 0400. Also
confirmed UT Tuesday September 4 at 0030 on WRMI 7730, VG. NOT
confirmed Tuesday September 4 at 2130 on WRMI 7780 --- audible with
Brother Scare // 9395, despite System D schedule still showing WOR

and variety of other programming 20-21 on 7780. // 5950 JBA carrier as usual, maybe WOR still there. Unchecked the WOR airing of Tue 2130 on 5950.

Due to computer problems, WOR 1946 not ready until 0355 UT Wednesday September 5, and it`s a pre-produxion containing:
Review of the Sangean WR-22
An American station in Honduras
Why does Station YHWH fluxuate?
Trump threatens to defund WWV time stations
Bill Turner struggles to keep KYND on the air
And XEWW 690 turning from Mexican to Chinese, communist?

Ready for first SW airings September 5: confirmed Wed Sept 5 at 1030 on WRMI 5950, fair. Next:
Wed 2100 WBCQ 7490 to WSW
Wed 2100.5 WRMI 9955 to SSE [will it be on air in time this week?]
Wed 2330 WBCQ 9330v to WSW [maybe]
Thu 2330 WBCQ 9330v to WSW [maybe]
Fri 2330 WBCQ 9330v to WSW [maybe]
Sat 0631 HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1230 Unique Radio via WINB 9265 to WSW [NEW]
Sat 1431 HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1930v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sat 2130 WBCQ 9330v to WSW [maybe, or 2330?]
Sun 0310v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1030 HLR 9485-CUSB to WSW
Sun 2130 WRMI 7780 to NE
Sun 2330 WBCQ 9330v to WSW [maybe]
Mon 0130.5 WRMI 5850 to NW, 7780 to NE
Mon 0300v WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0330 WRMI 9955 to SSE
Mon 0400 WRMI webcast only, non-direxional
Mon 2330 WBCQ 9330v to WSW [maybe]
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030 WRMI 7780 to NE, 5950 to WNW [or #1947?]
Tue 2130 WRMI 5950 to WNW [or #1947?]

WORLD OF RADIO 1946 monitoring: confirmed Wednesday September 5 from 2100.5 on WRMI 9955, very poor, but at least on the air in time. 9955 open carrier came on at 2058:20 without IS & ID loop, 2100.0 canned ID.

But VP simulcast on 7490+v WBCQ from 2100.0 is instead last week`s 1945, despite 1946 having been available and notified 17 hours ago. WBCQ might have caught up with 1946 at 2330 Wed Sept 5 or Thu Sep 6, but no, BS played on. Next:
Fri 2330 WBCQ 9330v to WSW [maybe]

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Sat 0631   HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1230   Unique Radio via WINB 9265 to WSW [NEW]
Sat 1431   HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1930v  WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sat 2130   WBCQ 9330v to WSW [maybe, or 2330?]
Sun 0310v  WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1030   HLR 9485-CUSB to WSW
Sun 2130   WRMI 7780 to NE
Sun 2330   WBCQ 9330v to WSW [maybe]
Mon 0130.5 WRMI 5850 to NW, 7780 to NE
Mon 0300v  WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0330   WRMI 9955 to SSE
Mon 0400   WRMI webcast only, non-direxional
Mon 2330   WBCQ 9330v to WSW [maybe]
Tue 0030   WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030   WRMI 7780 to NE, 5950 to WNW [or #1947?]
Tue 2130   WRMI 5950 to WNW [or #1947?]
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Full schedule for WOR on all outlets, not just SW; podcast linx:
http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WRMI WRMI WRMI WRMI WRMI WRMI WRMI WRMI WRMI WRMI WRMI WRMI WRMI WRMI:

** U S A. 9455, UT Thu Aug 30 at 0058, WRMI is on with weekly BS emission on this frequency, ID, at 0100 over to weekly `Hal Turner` 2-hour talkshow starting with wacky disclaimer, and now // 7490 WBCQ staying on late this night only. He announces these two SW stations and ONE other affiliate: 540 KYAH in Delta UT --- the same one carrying WTWW`s UT Sunday midnight show, 13 watts at night. But KYAH can legally run day power 1 kW until 0230 UT in August; only -0145 in September (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7730, Aug 30 at 0420, WRMI in Spanish so colloquial I wonder if it`s really Spanish, or Italian? No, heavy porteÒo accent as someone is being interviewed about Radio Mitre, during `La Rosa de Tokio` as now scheduled this hour on UT Thursdays.

9955, UT Fri Aug 31 at 0322 on BST-1 caradio, Chinese music I was sure coming from a CRI relay, until I heard in Morse code the memory frequency tuned. After WRMI ID, 0330 on to `Sounding the Alarm` gospel huxter. Announced date of original broadcast which was May 17, 2016; so here we are 27.5 months later as the world keeps turning. Scheduled at 0315 UT Tue-Sat is `Moments in Bible Prophecy` --- so that failed to default music fill (but not the usual variety of World Music), or maybe the Moments occupy much less than the 14 minute slot? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

'Moments in Bible Prophecy' was a 5-day/week program produced and presented by Pastor Ray Shockley of the Church of God in Key West, FL. It typically ran 14.40-14.55 minutes. We used to carry it on Voice of Hope - Africa, but sadly Ray passed away in May this year, and his program was discontinued at that time. Maybe Jeff has been running repeats on WRMI, or maybe the schedule just needs to be updated (Ray Robinson, KVOH, WOR iog via DXLD)

** U S A. 7780, Wed Sept 5 at 2055 check, this WRMI-1 is again in Brother HyStairical, JBA but // 9395, instead of variety of programming scheduled at 20-21 on 7780. In fact, System D sked now shows both 7780 & 5950 with a bihour of diverse programming at 20-22 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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** U S A. TONIGHT`S AWWW on WBCQ, UT Sept 1:

Listening on 7490 this evening. Show started a few seconds early and was also broadcast on 5130 and 9330. Allan, Angela, Larry Will and Jane in thew studio along with Tom and Robert. Robert speculated that the trailer might tip with so many people in it.

Opening discussion about what's happening with radio in general in this day of the internet and cellphones. Opinions by those in the room and quotes from Radio World and the FCC. Some talk of translators and steps the government has taken concerning radio and interference. I was interrupted briefly by a phone call from a family member giving me details of my father's death yesterday. When I devoted my full attention back to the radio the first phone call of the evening was coming in at 0027 with talk of radio interference created by Comcast cable.

Then some talk of Larry and Jane's tour of the new superstation under construction. Signal started to break down so I retuned to 9330. Then Allan asked Larry about the Free Radio Weekly and then read an email about the new increased fines for pirate operators. Reading of emails began at 0055. Transmitter shut down at 0101 in the middle of a sentence so no prayer this evening (John H Carver, Jr, Mid-North Indiana, 0114 UT Sept 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Updated summer A-18 schedule of WBCQ 24 hours on 9330v CUSB
0000-2330 9330 BCQ 050 kW / 245 deg ENAm Sun-Fri Brother Stair
2330-2400 9330 BCQ 050 kW / 245 deg ENAm Sun-Fri World of Radio
0000-0100 9330 BCQ 050 kW / 245 deg ENAm Sat Allan Weiner Worldwide
0100-2130 9330 BCQ 050 kW / 245 deg ENAm Sat Brother Stair
2130-2200 9330 BCQ 050 kW / 245 deg ENAm Sat World of Radio
2200-2400 9330 BCQ 050 kW / 245 deg ENAm Sat Brother Stair

From Sept 8 WBCQ 9330 kHz is registered 24 hours as follows
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/09/updated-summer-18-schedule-of-wbcq-24.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, Sept 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

As one might have noticed from my constant monitoring, 9330 has not really been broadcasting WOR at 2330 daily except on rare occasions. The 2130 Saturday was a presumption based on the original winter time scheduling of 0030 Sunday being shifted 2 hours earlier to accommodate another program, i.e. 2230, and if it had really happened, would have shifted further to 2130 UT during summer. I have yet to ever confirm it at that time, altho after many weeks I stopped checking for it. Meanwhile, of course, Brother Scare had gobbled up almost all the time on 9330.

That ``updated schedule`` is merely copied from the long-*outdated* WBCQ website. Furthermore, 9330 has NOT been in CUSB for a long time now, but regular AM, and always off-frequency. The ``Sept 8`` massive changes are obviously not going to start already as the 500 kW facility is far from finished (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7490, WBCQ at 2055 with IS and ID loop to then a man with ID at 2059 and singing ID and a request for donations and into Marion Webster, Kristina, and Baron Von Knight at 2100 hosting ìMarion's Atticî really old and obscure music program ñ Very Good Sept 2 (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iog via DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. From the Isle of Music, September 9-15:
In one of our occasional episodes off-island, our special guest this week is Steve Roitstein, leader of Palo!, an Afrocuban Funk band based in Miami. This is one of our rare interviews in English, and if this doesn't make you dance, you might need a nurse.

The transmissions take place:

1. For Eastern Europe but audible well beyond the target area in most of the Eastern Hemisphere (including parts of East Asia and Oceania) with 100 kW, Sunday 1500-1600 UT on SpaceLine, 9400, from Kostinbrod, Bulgaria (1800-1900 MSK)
2. For the Americas and parts of Europe, Tuesday 0000-0100 UT on WBCQ, 7490 from Monticello, ME, USA (Monday 8-9 PM EDT in the US). This has been audible in parts of NW, Central and Southern Europe with an excellent skip to Italy recently.
3 & 4. For Europe and sometimes beyond, Tuesday 1900-2000 UT and Saturday 1200-1300 on Channel 292, 6070 from Rohrbach, Germany.

Also recommended:
Jetzt geht's los! (Here We Go!), an excellent program of early German Jazz produced by Radio Ohne Nahmen, comes on right before FTIOM on Tuesdays from 1800-1900 UT on Channel 292.

Uncle Bill's Melting Pot, Sun, September 9 & Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Episode 79 is a "This Just In" episode presenting good new music that people have sent us from various places. The broadcasts take place:

1. Sundays 2200-2230 UT (6:00-6:30 PM Eastern US) on WBCQ The Planet 7490 from the US to the Americas and parts of Europe
2. Tuesdays 2000-2030 UT on Channel 292, 6070 from Rohrbach, Germany for Europe. If current propagation conditions hold, the broadcast should reach from Iceland to Western Russia, Scandinavia down to North Africa and the Middle East, AND a long bounce to parts of New Zealand.

Also recommended:
Marion's Attic, a unique program produced and hosted by Marion Webster featuring early 20th Century records, Edison cylinders etc played on the original equipment, comes on immediately before UBMP on Sundays from 2100-2200 UT on WBCQ 7490.

(William "Bill" Tilford, Owner/Producer, Tilford Productions, LLC, Sept 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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** U S A. 9265, WINB Red Lion PA (presumed); 2111, 8/27; Shouting religihuxter (No doubt for the benefit of the hard-of-hearing religifolks); talking about the last books of the Old & New Testaments (Some folks would suggest that the last book of the Bible is Moroni.) SIO=2+53 peaks & very fady (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 185' RW, ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time & without the aid of a computer! -----, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Adventist World Radio
International Radio News === WINB Test Transmissions
Mystery Broadcast of AWR DX Program ìWavescanî

At the present time, the American shortwave station WINB is conducting a lengthy series of test transmissions in the digital DRM mode from its new transmitter at Red Lion in Pennsylvania. According to Hans Johnson, Frequency Manager for WINB, these test transmissions are beamed to Europe and to North Africa.

The AWR international DX program ìWavescanî has been invited to participate in the WINB test transmissions and these special digital broadcasts are scheduled to be on the air during the month of September. Reception reports on the reception of these DRM broadcasts will be most welcome and they can be addressed to both WINB in Pennsylvania and to the AWR DX program ìWavescanî in Indiana.

The schedule for the broadcasts of ìWavescanî over WINB indicates that this half hour DX program will be on the air twice each week, Monday and Friday, at 1630 UT on 15670 kHz. In addition, there will be another broadcast of ìWavescanî during the week in between the Monday and Friday, a Mystery Broadcast, on a day and at a time not announced in advance.

All reception reports addressed to ìWavescanî will be verified with a specially endorsed QSL card, and reception reports of the unannounced in-between Mystery Broadcasts will be honored additionally with a souvenir from AWR in Indiana. Reception reports indicating reception in the digital DRM mode are preferred, though honest reception reports in the analog mode will also be appreciated. The analog reports will at least give an indication to WINB of the coverage area of these test transmissions.

Multiple reception reports, each on a different day, will be verified individually with the specially endorsed QSL card.

All of the ìWavescanî broadcasts are scheduled for transmission on 15670 kHz and genuine reception reports from anywhere in the world will be most appreciated. These may be sent by email, or by postal mail with an address label and return postage if possible. Remember that IRC Coupons are now no longer valid in the United States. Remember also that the postal address in Indiana has been ìborrowedî temporarily and it is valid only in September and October.

Shortwave radio station WINB is owned and operated by World International Broadcasters and it was inaugurated in October 1962 with a 50 kW Continental transmitter Model No 417B. The original transmitter was rebuilt and taken into service again in 1997.

The international DX program ìWavescanî is a co-operative venture on the part of Adventist World Radio and KSDA Guam, Radio Miami International WRMI in Florida, Voice of Hope KVOH in California and Voice of Hope in Zambia Africa, and World Wide Christian Radio WWCR in Tennessee.

Please note the following addresses for reception reports on the WINB test broadcasts:-

* By email to WINB: WINB40th@yahoo.com
* By postal mail to WINB: Box 88, Red Lion, Pennsylvania 17356, USA
* By email to ìWavescanî: adrian.m.peterson @ gmail.com
* By postal mail to ìWavescanî:
Adventist World Radio
WINB Test Broadcasts
Box 771
Bloomington
Indiana 47402-0771
USA
(Dr. Adrian M. Peterson, International Relations
Adventist World Radio, August 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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** U S A. KVOH --- "John Tayloe | September 1, 2018
http://www.voiceofhope.com/blog/20180901-03_filling_the_earth_with_gods_word.html

Strategicís VOICE OF HOPE ñ AMERICAS (KVOH, Los Angeles) is powered by a 100,000-watt RCA Ampliphase transmitter built in Italy in 1959. This transmitter has been broadcasting the Gospel its entire 59 years. This RCA, serial number 5, operated first in Italy at Vatican Radio and then was sold a few years later to the famous missionary radio station HCJB in Quito Ecuador. It served until 1984 when it was taken out of service and sold to George Otis who installed it as the primary transmitter for the VOICE OF HOPE under his own ministry.

There are no parts made for this transmitter any more and we manufacture everything we need to keep her on the air and broadcasting to full power. Thanks to the US Navy using the same tube in several of its Submarine radar systems, these rare tubes are still available" (via Dr Hansjoerg Biener, Sept 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 15610 & 12050, Aug 29 at 2108, no signals from WEWN English or Spanish. Possibly propagation? Maybe on the higher one, but I don`t think so. Something`s frequently wrong at WEWN; or could be closedown during storm or mowing (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5830, WTWW, Lebanon TN. Discussion on ìfree radicalsî and other problems with chemicals at 1110. Nasty audio hum apparent between speech breaks. Fair signal on 24/8.

Then again on 25/8, stunned to find a very weak signal and better audio at 0010 (10:10 am here!) with American preaching, but faded by 0025. The only signal on the 49 mb at that time! (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC, Yaesu FTDX 3000, Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Kenwood R5000, Tecsun PL-680, Horizontal Sky Loop, Double Bazooka antennas for 80, 40 and 20 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI

NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU, Sept Australian DX News via DXLD)

Must be long-path: across the entire Atlantic, the entire continent of Africa from Ifni to northern tip of Madagascar, across entire southern Indian Ocean to Vic. Crowflies calculates short-path distance as 9604 statute miles, so minus equatorial circumference of 24901 miles = 15297 miles. Or, was Moon in position for a bounce? Hi (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9475, WTWW Lebanon TN (presumed); 2103-2109+, 8/26; Permanently Passed & Petulantly Provocative Pastor Pete Peters Pounding out Pernicious Puffery; ìOur people have had their right to reproduce taken away.î then mentioned ìwhite personsî. Subsequent commentary didnít really put this into a comprehendible perspective. SIO=434- with hiss QRM that USB took out & fady (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 185' RW, ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time & without the aid of a computer! -----, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5085, UT Sunday September 2 at 0601, WTWW with classic rock songs, S9+30, presumably in ToH pause/news hole during `Southern Talk in the Midnight` which has been running for several weeks at 0500-0700; so I keep listening for the second hour to resume, but it does not! Instead at 0609 still music, solo rendition of ``America, the Beautiful``, then pulls the plug at 0612* off the air! STITM must be gone again from WTWW. Own website
http://www.tennhills-productions.com/
still claims to be ``from Tennessee`` and ``the great south east`` but references to WTWW have been deleted. Still has a logo for KCAA 1050 +FMs in California, but labeled as a ``past affiliate`` -- that leaves only the 13-watt KYAH 540, ``Utah`s Talk Authority``, where the time is given as ``10PM - Saturday Nights PST - 12AM CST``! What does that mean? PST and CST are not observed anywhere except CST in Saskatchewan. Meaning start times? Had been at 12 AM CDT = 0500 UT. So was the first hour anyway on 5085? It`s not mentioned at wtww.us but IIRC hadn`t been during the period it was really on the air.

BTW, Kenneth Vito Zichi has been raving about the sound quality during WTWW rock music shows --- altho very strong and wideband, I find the distortion level annoying (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 12160, Sunday, August 26 at 1950. The "Yah-wuh" guy from the "Remnants Ministry" broadcast is angry and pretentious as usual, calling the late Rev. Billy Graham "Billy Goat Graham" and "a disgusting reprobate." He mentions that he is also on 7490 Mondays at 5 PM eastern time (2100 UT). 12160 signed off to 9350 at 1958; signal about the same on the latter but with a bit more background

noise. (Will-MD, logged in North Attleboro, Massachusetts) (Larry Will, Mount Airy, Maryland, on vacation, DX LISTENING DIGEST) WWCRs

4840, WWCR Nashville TN; 0152-0203+, 8/28; Challenge Ministry with Bob Martin on flesh eating & blood drinking; ID spot at 0200:23 into Anti-Jocular, Anti-Jewish Alex Jones Actively Jawboning with Alienating Jargon, Anarchical Jabberings, Acerbic Junk & Ambivalent Judgements; said his broadcast is the ìmost hatedî. Bro. HyStairical sez the same thing! S30 (Frodge-MI)

6115, WWCR Nashville TN; *2159:20-2211+, 8/27; On with ID & contact info; odd assortment of things started at 2200:17 with intro to Pastor Butch Paul program, cutoff for herbal tea ad; back to Pastor Butch intro cutoff for more huxter ads, then more Pastor Butch cutoff for more ads; 2208 Johnny Cash tune into Pastor Butch program with Pastor Ernie Sanders & Pastor Joe sitting in for Pastor Butch. No Alex Jones per WWCR web sked. S20 peaks.

12160, WWCR Nashville TN (presumed); 1827-1834+, 8/28; Anti-Jocular, Anti-Jewish Alex Jones Actively Jawboning with Alienating Jargon, Anarchical Jabberings, Acerbic Junk & Ambivalent Judgements on the Alex Jones Show--sounding more gravelly than usual; ad break for Blue Diamond jeans & various Info-Wars snake oil elixirs. SIO=2+53 fady, but much better than yesterday near QRN level (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 185' RW, ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time & without the aid of a computer! -----, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4840, WWCR, TN, Nashville, Alex Jones with lots of snake oils including ëmicroí silver ëantibacterial gelí talking with a ëdoctorí who explained why the private label ësuper silverí topical wound gel AJ sells on his website is something everyone needs to be afraid and get this ënewí form of silver. (Isnít silver an element?) Apparently you can use this without turning blue. Taking calls from a lady who revealed that Facebook is keeping track of what you do! Imagine. This is news? And the usual ìInfoWarsî promos. WWCR Legal ID at ToH then more of the show, including ads for water filters & Pro-Trump, Anti-Pope puffery. This is like a car crash -- you just have to listen to Anti-Jocular, Anti-Jew Alex Jones Actively Jawboning with Alienating Jargon, Anarchical Jabberings, Acerbic Junk & Ambivalent Judgements spewing sycophantic sleazeball slander & slobbering stories suffused with scams seeking to seduce spineless simpletons into swallowing silliness while ultimately sucking them into shopping his store for sky-high scrap of suspect substance. :) 4+554+4+ THIS close to all 5s & a nice clean signal & modulation. 0320-0420 28/Aug (Ken Zichi, Williamston MI, SPR-4 + randomwire; MARE Tipsheet 31 Aug via DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. KKOB-770 Albuquerque Absent --- Does anybody know what's going on with 50 KW KKOB-770 Albuquerque lately? It seems to be off the air again tonight (12:00 AM - 02:20 AM local PDT). I'm copying religious KCBC-770 in Manteca, CA, 4100 watts, 469 miles. KKOB either has a tremendously suppressed carrier or they are off altogether. I noticed the same thing the night of the solar storm last week when I again copied KCBC, but wrote it off to the storm. Maybe not (Bill desertbilly, 0948 UT Sept 1, ABDX yg via DXLD)

Interesting. My backyard wire (SSE/NNW) really knocks down KKOB. I usually get KCBC (which seems to be getting out really well lately) and XEREV (who just told me they've turned off their AM) and just a little bit of KKOB. With KKOB off or at reduced power, 770 would be fairly wide open here.

If this continues, be sure to check 774 to see if you can hear Japan in the pre-dawn hours. Time pips (3 short, then a 4th pip an octave higher, each 1 second apart) at the top of each hour. I've heard about half a dozen of these high-powered outlets from the Border Inn under less-than-ideal conditions, so it should be possible for you unless KAZM-780 causes too much of a problem. 73 (Tim, Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone, Hall, Chula Vista CA, ibid.)

** U S A. WMGC-810-Murfreesboro, TN, 0402-0429 EDT, 9-3-18. Mexican music including possibly ranchera. Slogan" El Jefe, Con Todo.. Poder." Web search confirms this as WMGC. Seems too strong for listed 6 watts night power. Poor-fair with good peaks. Tecsun PL-380. Select -A-Tenna (Carl DeWhitt, Maryville TN, IRCA mailing list via DXLD)

This guy seems to cheat a lot! I've heard it here (Todd Skaine, ICOM 7300 with a Superloop, 2 Modified 2010s barefoot, Toyota car radio, ibid.)

** U S A. 870, Sept 1 at 1200 UT, Spanish loops E/W, only catch ``870`` in ToH ID, into sports talk, making SAH of about 9 Hz with WWL remnant to 1207 UT fadeout. This all points to KLSQ Whitney NV (Las Vegas), 5000/430 watts U2, ESPN-D. Official FCC September sunrise is 1315 UT, so should have been on 430-watt night power and direxional to the NW --- but I bet it`s really 5 kW ND day pattern. No PSRA for it is known to the new NRC AM Log. Of course I was looking for XETAR; see MEXICO (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1210, KHKR, UT, Washington 8/31, 2125 [EDT = 0125 UT Sat Sept 1[. It is Desert Hills HS vs. "Hawaii". The latter turned out to be Kealakehe High School, from Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, who traveled all the way to St. George, Utah, to play this game! I was tuning the bands, pre-sunset, looking for DX from Guymon, Oklahoma to find this. I was surprised to find the station coming in best with the

909X's antenna re-aligned for NW/SE, and thought maybe this was coming from Tucson (to the SE - But - no Desert Hills HS there). Reception strong and steady, with no sign of the expected KGYN. I have always been amazed at the distances schools travel in the American southwest for games, but, man! 3,000 miles for a 14-0 whipping (MW band logs from Rick Barton, central Arizona; using Satellit 205, RF-2200 or ATS-909X (unless otherwise stated). Times and dates listed in Eastern. So far, no new logs due to cheating broadcasters, but here is what I have heard, in case something useful is here for anyone else. 73 and Good Listening.....! -rb, WOR iog via DXLD)

** U S A. New(?) TIS on 1610.3 at Hualapai Mountain Park (northwestern AZ)? Reviewing my recordings from Scottsdale AZ (June 5th using 500 feet of wire SSE/NNW), I came across a TIS broadcasting on 1610.3 thereby causing a pretty obvious het. It was a very short message with a fairly long gap. It sounded like:

"Hualapai Mountain Park [something] vehicle entrance fee is
?? dollars.."

There is a Hualapai Mountain Park outside of Kingman AZ. The Hualapai tribe also runs a "Grand Canyon West" park (the one with the horseshoe-shaped "skywalk").

Has anyone else heard this station? I'll attach a few recordings. In these recordings, I'm looping the short message 3 times back to back.

I'll try for these guys again at the Border Inn, if I happen to run a wire that far south.

P.S. The long-running Phoenix Sky Harbor airport TIS was off the air the whole week we were in town. 73 (Tim Hall, CA, Abdx yg via DXLD)

** U S A. Ch. 6, WLFM-LP, Cleveland OH, 8/10 6:55 am [EDT? = 1055 UT] Audio OK no picture. "Mega" non-IDs, "Mega-classico [sic]" before special songs. 6:59 am female DJ said Good Morning. Latino hip-hop & pops. English ad for Latino festival in Columbus. 7:29 am fadeout. Color bars locked briefly at 7:45 & 7:53 am. 7:57 am legal ID.

+++ 8/15 2:37 am, Very snowy locked color bars, good audio. Latino pops with some English lyrics mixed in. Puerto Rico song. 2:46 am legal ID, picture lost lock. Weird song with drastic tempo shifts. "Mega --- ocho siete siete." 3:07 am weaker, audio getting raspy. 3:27 am fadeout. 4 am recheck, weak (Larry Russell, Flushing MI, MARE Tipsheet 31 August via DXLD)

** U S A. WJZZ - 88.1 gone --- Over the Labor Day Weekend I noticed

almost-local Es-blocker 88.1 Montgomery, NY was off the air, and along with Poughkeepsie local 106.3 WJZZ translator are still off the air this morning. Checking their website confirms that after 4 years they have given up on the jazz format due to lack of business support and underwriting. The website says future programming on 88.1 and 106.3 is "undetermined". Another translator on 106.5 has been repurposed. If only WJZZ had turned it off 3 months earlier for the skip season! (Chris Lucas - divider, Poughkeepsie, NY FN31bs, Sept 4, WTFDA gg via DXLD)

** U S A. 92.7, Aug 29 at 1512 UT, ``The New 92-7, The Blast``, i.e. KWME Wellington KS, as already listed by WTFDA DB with 14 kW H&V, 130m HAAT, so how ``new`` is it? Format designation as ``rhythmic oldies``. (Show me an Oldie, or any pop music, without rhythm?) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. == FM free radio and oddness for the FRW

87.7 FM, Sunday, August 26 at 1612. Haitian hip hop, dance music, and pop music. Full quieting between songs. Haitian reggae music at 2030. Fair to good signal (Will-MD, logged in North Attleboro, Massachusetts)

92.1 FM, Sunday, August 26 at 1928. Various Haitian pop music, spoken word by male in French from 2015 on. Low modulation, fair to good signal (Will-MD, logged in North Attleboro, Massachusetts)

105.3 FM, Sunday, August 26 at 2030 UTC. Haitian lady preaching in French. Fair signal, splattered by 105.1 WWLI Providence RI (Will-MD, logged in North Attleboro, Massachusetts)

90.7 FM, Monday, August 27 at 2310. NOAA Weather Radio Service, ID WNG547 162.45 MHz broadcasting from Sugarloaf Mountain. Maine weather. Scratchy audio, apparently off-air relay. Steady 5dBu on the PL-880. My local source says that there's no licensed radio station on 90.7 in this neck of the woods. No signal on 90.7 found the next morning (Will-MD, logged in downtown Skowhegan, Maine)

== FM broadcast

90.5 FM, Sunday, August 26 at 2009. WSMA Scituate MA. "Understanding the times radio," right wing, new world order conspiracy talk masquerading as christian programming. The host says "the new world order is not a conspiracy theory, it's real." Good signal (Will-MD, logged in North Attleboro, Massachusetts)

98.1 FM, Tuesday, August 28 at 0000. WXNZ-LP Skowhegan, "Hoosgow Radio," is Skowhegan's community radio station with a flea power

transmitter at Timtron Smith's site south and east of town. Very good signal, 30dBu on the PL-880, in downtown Skowhegan with an entertaining eclectic music mix. The station runs fifteen minute programs hosted by a large variety of local programmers. Occasionally Timtron is heard. The signal's range appears to be about fifteen to twenty miles, verified as we were driving in and out of the area (Will-MD, logged in and around Skowhegan, Maine)

98.3 FM, Wednesday, August 29 at 2345. W252DW is on the air, relaying and co-located with Allan Weiner's WXME 780 in Monticello. Licensed for 175 watts, it is well heard in the area. In the daytime this station runs a news talk format with syndicated shows such as Alex Jonezzz, Rush Limbaugh and Howie Carr. From 7PM to 7AM local time the format switches to a "deep cuts" eclectic format with a gigantic playlist (Will-MD, logged in Houlton, Maine) (Larry Will, Mount Airy, Maryland, on vacation, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. The following article is about the US news media industry, but an interesting inclusion: "Radio was the only sector studied that did not show an audience decline, by several measures. The overall audience for terrestrial radio, which includes all formats, not just news ñ has been around 90% for at least the past nine years, according to Nielsen Media Research..."
http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2018/08/21/5-facts-about-the-state-of-the-news-media-in-2017/
(via Jack Amelar, MARE Tipsheet 31 Aug via DXLD)

** U S A. PRX and PRI Announce Transformational Public Media Merger
https://www.pri.org/prx-and-pri-announce-transformational-public-media-merger
(via John Figliozzi, Sept 1, Internetradio mailing list via DXLD)

** VANUATU [and non]. Shortwave Radio Saves Lives and Foreign Aid Dollars, Says McGarry

Vanuatu has appealed to Australia to restore shortwave radio services to the Pacific region, after they were switched off by the ABC in 2017, reports Radio Australia. Prime Minister Charlot Salwai said other forms of communication usually failed during natural disasters.

He added his voice on the final day for submissions to an Australian government review of broadcasting to the region, Linda Mottram reported yesterday on a segment of the PM programme.

LISTEN: Linda Mottramís current affairs report on ABC PM [7:58]
http://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/pm/short-wave-radio-saves-lives-and-foreign-aid-funds-dan-mcgarry/10071940

As if to make the point, his statement came as a major operation

is underway to evacuate more than 8000 residents from the island of Ambae, which has been made uninhabitable by an erupting volcano. (Asia-Pacific Report via Sept Australian DX News via DXLD)

** VANUATU. A company that was set up to improve the services of Vanuatuís public broadcaster has been put into liquidation. Vanuamadia Digital was set up in 2015 by a joint-venture between the VBTC and a Chinese digital service provider. The company promised to deliver an improved digital offering, but the then-chair of the VBTC, Johnety Jerety, later said it had failed to serve its intended purpose. He said it had become a liability, and eventually allegations of misappropriation and threats of deportation in 2016, and the VBTC filing proceedings against Vanuamadia this year. Vanuamadia said it would counter-sue (RNZ Pacific 14Aug18 via Sept NZ DX Times via DXLD)

While not AM broadcasting, is included here as latest evidence of the challenges faced by Vanuatuís state broadcaster. 49% owned by VTBC, Vanuamadia Digital promised to deliver 50 TV channels to viewers in Port Vila, Luganville Santo as well as Malekula and Tanna (Bryan Clark, Sept NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** VATICAN [and non]. Following IRDR channels could be extended on the last HFCC in Bratislava. The new times will be effective October 28th, 2018, which is the start of the upcoming B18 winter season.

The new coordinated times are:
 7400 from 2100 to 2200 UT and 2300-2400 UT will change to 2100-2400
 9430 from 0100 to 1200 UT and 1300-1400 UT will change to 0100ñ1400
11840 from 0600 to 2400 UT will change to 0500-2400 UT
Thanks to everyone who supports this project! (Michael Puetz via IRDR List) ----- (via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, Dx_sasia yg via DXLD)

Strange that Vatican is not mentioned in this item --- SMG has always been registered placeholder for these schedules. Someone should inform Mr Puetz that Radio Habana Cuba (NOT an HFCC member!!) is currently on 11840 starting at 2100, until 0500, and may well continue in B-18, thus a 3-hour collision, or 2 hours if resumes *2200 for winter.

It should also be noted that despite many disasters in the world needing relief, such IRDR broadcasts have never been implemented, beyond some tests (Glenn Hauser, ibid., via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM [non]. 7315, Sept 2 at 0136, VOV relay via WHRI is in stilted English! Not stilted Spanish as supposed to start at 0130. It`s S9+40/50 with news of flooding, medals in Asian Games, Indonesia.

7315, Sept 3 at 0050, VOV via WHRI in correct language, stilted

Spanish (SSS?), during second half of hour, instead of English last time checked after 0130 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA. Additional 30 minutes of Voice of Hope Africa via tx#2: 1700-1730 on 13680 LUV 100 kW / 315 deg to WeAf English Sun tx#2 Parallel freq 9680 LUV 100 kW / 000 deg to SoAf English Sun tx#1 http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/09/additional-30-minutes-of-voice-of-hope.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, August 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. The USB stick from Roy Barstow arrived and I went over the RF capture file he made at 0100 UT / 27 AUG. Conditions were somewhat auroral at the time. First is the recording of an English language station on 729 believed to be South Africa.

This is 729 as recorded in the AM mode:
https://app.box.com/s/5nek1vwhx1k5ub7rzju360rcryun5vtq

Here it is on lower sideband mode:
https://app.box.com/s/wgnbznastzu8oc20oz8quphd76vmjfdv

Any identification help will be appreciated. I may eventually submit this to the RealDX group.

Overall the capture was slightly more interesting than average though the site Roy uses in Falmouth, MA is besieged by powerhouse signals from the metro-NYC area, worse than here in that respect (Mark Connelly, IRCA at HCDX via DXLD)

For the 729 kHz station 1st recording, I hear ?? Radio Tariff?? 24 hours a day?? This is London?? ?. Good Morning ?..this is your early morning ?. station ?. .AM 1670???..? (James Niven, Austin, Texas, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4170-USB, Aug 30 at 0446, surprised to hear some 2-way, maybe Greek or Spanish, atop my local third harmonic of KCRC 1390. It`s within a marine comms band, but is 4170 for anything in particular? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4810, Aug 30 at 0443, JBA carrier again sideswiped by huge utehash on the upper side. I`ve reported this at least twice recently and no one has replied to my inquiry whether it could be Radio Logos, Per˙, the only likely broadcaster at this hour, if it`s active, rather than Armenia or India (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Is RN Guinea Ecuatorial (R. Bata) 5005 kHz on the

air? I'm hearing non stop music on it at 2137 UT via my home QTH (RSP1A & Wellbrook in Armagh, Northern Ireland) and via Karelia Perseus server in Finland. Best Regards, (Jordan Heyburn, Aug 31, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

More likely an Euro pirate (gh, DXLD)

EQUATORIAL GUINEA, 5005, Radio Nacional, Bata, 1723- 01-09, pop songs in English. Very weak. 15311 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Log in Friol, Tecsun S-8800, cable antenna, 8 meters. WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, music and singing can be heard on 5005 - just - in the local noise at 1815 UT. It would need to be much stronger than this to stand any chance of hearing an ID (Noel R Green (NW England), ibid.)

5005, 1723-2025*, 01-09, pop English songs. After heard it for hours, it looks like more a pirate station than Radio Bata (MÈndez, Spain, ibid.)

5004.97, 1850-1940 1.9, ???, UNID badly modulated English ann, non-stop English reggae songs like: "Run away", "Fascination", 45444. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, Denmark, my latest loggings from Skovlunde on the AOR AR7030PLUS with a 28 metres longwire, WBradio yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7299.5-CW, Sept 2 at 0138, contact not hand-keyed, reply from a weaker station. What are hams doing with CW in this part of band? Or intruders? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Looks like the 40m phone band is not exclusively phone, though it's admittedly rare to hear CW there:
<https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/40-meter_band#Band_plans>
(Saul W3WHK Broudy, WOR iog via DXLD)

Good graphical display of band plans in different areas; of course, I have often heard nets in USB instead of LSB also just below 7300, sometimes lower in the 7200s (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7581.40, Aug 30 at 0422, open carrier at S9, some fades. Maybe ute (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. EGYPT, Mystery Egyptian Music Station on 9400, Aug 30 till 0820 on 9400 unknown tx / unknown to ????, weak signal:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/08/reception-of-mystery-egyptian-music_30.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, August 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EGYPT. Mystery Egyptian Music Station on 9550 kHz, August 31
0900-0910 on 9550 unknown tx / unknown to ????, fair signal:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/09/reception-of-mystery-egyptian-music.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, August 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. NUMBERS STATION, Reception of S06s Russian Lady in
31mb, August 31. With new format of messages and duration is 4 min,
instead of 6 minutes:
0939-0943 on 9655 unknown secret tx site to Eu Russian USB/AM, good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2018/09/reception-of-s06s-russian-lady-
in-31mb.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, August 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ivo reports a lot of these which I usually skip over for DXLD (gh)

UNIDENTIFIED. 13272-LSB, Sept 5 at 1439, colloquial Spanish 2-way,
wasting no time in uttering ``puta`` and ``conyo``, intruders with
no deleted New York Radio VOLMET in the way on 13270 (but Gander
still during the last dekaminute of each semihour) (Glenn Hauser,
OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 13623-USB, Sept 2 at 1349, JBA 2-way in Spanish,
INTRUDERS (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 14018-LSB, Aug 29 at 1253, very poor 2-way, unknown
language. Presumably INTRUDERS as hams would not be in phone here
in the CW portion of 20m band, nor would they not be in USB (Glenn
Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15292-USB, Sept 2 at 1414, INTRUDERS, good signals in
2-way contact, colloquial Spanish, mixed with totally unrecognizable
words, native language? At least I can make out ``puta`` (Glenn
Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Subject: [WOR] Radio KQBI --- Hereís an unusual story. While
traveling yesterday afternoon, we stopped in Columbia Falls,
MT. In a very ìinterestingì bar, while waiting for our order, I was
mesmerized by the thousands of mostly dollar bills pasted on the
walls and ceiling of the establishment. One immediately caught my
eye, for KQBI with R.I.P. scrawled on the bill face. Google lists a
current FM station on 91.7 in Encinal, TX with a Spanish Christian
format. Maybe nothing to do with radio but a personal loss? 73,
(Walt Salmaniw, with photo attached, WOR iog via DXLD)

Walt, I`m not convinced that`s a Q --- could be KOBI, which is channel
5 in Medford OR. But did not die on 6/30/17. Maybe a person named Kobi
(Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

I wondered the same after looking more closely! (Walt, ibid.)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED FUTURELY:

Hi Glen[n], I`m a returning SWL and ham radio operator N8XD, now in my 50's; I used to listen to your DX show when I was a teenager. When heard your show last night it was like hearing an old friend --- nice job, keep up the great work! (Keith DeLong, Freeland MI, joining the WOR iog and then a contribution via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com

Thanks to Chuck Ermatinger for another PayPal contribution.

One may also contribute by MO or check in US funds on a US bank to:
Glenn Hauser, P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702

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DX/SWL/MEDIA PROGRAMS Updated Sept 8:

http://www.worldofradio.com/dxpgms.html
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Pacific Asian Log Update

Hello everyone: I just completed another update to the Pacific Asian Log. The September 2018 version has been posted on the Radioheritage website:
http://www.radioheritage.net/
You'll need to go through a couple of the site's internal links to get to the proper page, but when you get there you'll be able to download the PDF version and use the interactive version. If you have problems finding it, let me know and I'll send a copy directly.

There were many Chinese changes this time, as well as updates for stations in other countries. I'll issue another update in a couple of months.

Corrections and updates from users are always welcome and can be sent to bportzer@comcast.net or portzerbt@gmail.com

First issued in 2001, The PAL lists medium wave and domestic shortwave broadcasting stations in southern and eastern Asia and
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the Pacific. It includes about 5000 stations in over 50 countries, with frequencies, call signs, locations, power, networks, schedules, languages, formats, networks and other information (Bruce Portzer, Sept 3, WOR iog via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

A new version of the PAL has been uploaded to the Radio Heritage website. The first version has a compatibility issue that prevents the log from being displayed correctly in Acrobat Reader. Please let me know if you have problems viewing the newer version (named PAL_Sept_2018_v2.pdf). (Bruce Portzer, Sept 5, ibid.)

What fun the Radio Heritage site is ---- You click on "Pacific Asian Listener Guide" to access the "Pacific Asian Log". The graphics where you click (above) are misleading as the picture is not related to the PAL and bears no relation to the PAL cover page. You click on "browse" to get to the point where you can download the PAL, with no browsing of the PAL being part of the process. Plus other items; An obtuse site! (Chuck Hutton, ibid.)

WRTH ELDER EDITIONS

Just wanted to get some opinions on old editions of the WRTH. I have several from the 80ís,90í2 & 2000ís that I need to get rid of. Also some Passportsís. Does anyone really see any value in these? (Stephen C Wood, Harwich, Mass., hauula7@comcast.net, Sept 1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

About a decade or so ago, there was quite a WRTH feeding frenzy on ebay (radio gatherings with auctions had plenty of interest too but nothing like the excitement ebay could garner). Ancient editions of the WRTH (1950's and 1960's) were going for several hundreds of dollars apiece. More recent editions (1970's and 1980's) commanded some interest but nothing like the older editions. That frenzy seemed to slow down after the handful of major collectors got their hands on the editions that they needed/wanted to fill out their WRTH collections. I stopped adding to my WRTH collection so I have not kept up on recent handbook pricing trends (I added a CD to my collection that had copies of all editions of the WRTH). However, recent years at the Winter SWL Festival has seen little interest in WRTHs from the last two decades during the Saturday afternoon silent auction. I suppose that could simply represent that those radio enthusiasts attending have what they want in their WRTH collections already. Without many new radio interested folks entering the radio hobby, new WRTH collectors seem to be few and far between. 73, (Rich D`Angelo, ibid.)

It seems that issues after 1967 are not in too much demand these days. The 1966 and 1967 books had bad bindings and fell apart so they

are a bit rare if they are in good condition. I think anything after that is really not worth a lot these days. At least thatís what I found in my experiences (Chris Lobdell, Sent from my iPhone, ibid.)

Rich, You mentioned a CD that has copies of all the WRTH editions. Is this a product of the WRTH publisher? Are these CDs still available? (Richard Murphy, ibid.)

Richard, My recollection was that the Danish Shortwave Clubs International carried [sic] introduced these disks and made them available to radio hobbyists. This was not a product offered by the WRTH publisher. The entire collection was split over two disks. When we had a Company Store (I believe during the Mike Wolfson days) NASWA sold these disks to members. If I remember correctly each disk was $50.00. When I am in research mode, these disks come in handy. 73, (Rich D`Angelo, Sent from my iPhone, ibid.)

Richard, The WRTH CDs were produced by the German organization ADDX. You can find out more here: <https://www.addx.de/Service/CDreprint.php>
73, (John Herkimer, ibid.)

LANGUAGE LESSONS African English: see SUDAN SOUTH [non] Eye Radio
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Re: P.I.R.A.T.E. Law

Georgia has something like that. Its called the GANGSTA Law. Stands for Georgia Anti Neighborhood Gang & Street Terrorism Act (Lou Johnson, Sept 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RADIO PHILATELY
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KOREAN POSTAGE STAMP RECOGNIZES AMATEUR RADIO DIRECTION-FINDING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dear friends: For more details, please, click on ARDF - 2018.
http://www.arrl.org/news/korean-postage-stamp-recognizes-amateur-radio-direction-finding-championships

This stamp was not issued, yet. The reason is very simple: the 2018 ARDF World Championship will take place from 2nd to 8th September, 2018. So, please, wait for a few more days. Certainly it will appear at E-bay and Delcampe websites. Thank you. 73ís. (F¡BIO FLOSI ñ PU2KLM, Have fun. 73. (FABIO - PU2KLM, Flosi, radiostamps yg via DXLD)

Dear friends: This stamp is already available at DELCAMPE website.

https://www.delcampe.net/en_GB/collectables/stamps/korea-south/south-korea-2018-the-19th-world-ardf-championships-find-the-fox-full-sheet-627778042.html
See more details in the attached file. Have fun. 73's (FABIO FLOSI - PU2KLM, Sept 2, ibid.)

WORLD OF HOROLOGY
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DRUMPF THREATENS TO DEFUND THE WWV TIME STATIONS

Those out there concerned with the possible closure of WWV may be interested to know that the 'larimerdems` are concerned also. Their website being
http://www.larimerdems.org
(Jon Collins, Birmingham UK, Aug 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That is, Larimer Country Democrats --- containing Fort Collins. They should be. But I can`t find anything about WWV or NIST on their website. Jon, can you give me a specific link? (Glenn to Jon, via DXLD)

Nothing on their website regarding WWV, but contacted them by email. Response was: ``thank you for email, we are concerned as much as you are, we shall do our best to save this famous station from closure`` (Jon Collins, Sept 2, ibid.)

Petition Drive to Save WWV/WWVH ñ Sept. 15 Deadline

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has eliminated funding for the continued operation of time/frequency standard stations WWV and WWVH in its Fiscal Year 2019 budget.

Tens of thousands of radio amateurs and other users of the shortwave spectrum rely on these stations as sources of accurate time and precise frequency measurement, as well as a wealth of propagation data. (WWVB, on 60 kHz, which provides time data for so-called "atomic clocks," would continue to be funded.)

Two petitions have been started on the White House's "We the People" petition site calling for restoration of funding for these two essential radio stations. Each needs at least 100,000 electronic signatures by mid-September to generate a response from the White House.

The petitions can be found at:
<https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/petition/maintain-funding-nist-stations-wwv-wwvh>
(As of now, needs just over 90,000 more signatures by September 15)

<https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/petition/maintain-funding-nist-stations-wwv-wwvh>
(As of now, needs over 98,000 more signatures by September 17)

CQ urges its readers and friends ñ and anyone else who finds value in the continued operation of WWV and WWVH ñ to sign one or both petitions and to contact your representatives in Congress to explain the need for these stations to continue to operate. Congress has the last word on the federal budget and can modify department proposals as it sees fit (CQ via Rich D`Angelo, PA, Aug 29, NASWA yg via DXLD)

I made a second try to sign the petition, but once again got no e-mail back (to a different address) to confirm ``signature``, so must not have been counted. The WH petition thing was set up in the Obama admin, so may be running on autopilot, no one now really paying attention to it. Yet not abolished yet. Anyone else with this problem? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

End to WWV, WWVB, WWVH? VOA's take on it:
https://www.voanews.com/a/time-may-be-running-out-for-millions-of-clocks/4554376.html
(-- Richard Langley, WOR iog via DXLD) Viz.:

Time May Be Running Out for Millions of Clocks
Last Updated: September 02, 2018 11:38 AM

Steve Herman

The entrance of NIST radio station WWVH in Hawaii. WWVH on the island of Kauai in the mid-Pacific state of Hawaii and WWV and WWVB in the state of Colorado send out signals that allow millions of clocks and watches to be set either manually or automatically. [caption]

WHITE HOUSE ó President Donald Trumpís administration wants to shut down U.S. government radio stations that announce official time, a service in operation since World War II.

WWV and WWVB in the state of Colorado and WWVH on the island of Kauai in the mid-Pacific state of Hawaii, send out signals that allow millions of clocks and watches to be set either manually or automatically.

WWVB continuously broadcasts digital time codes, using very long electromagnetic waves at a frequency of 60 kilohertz, which are automatically received by timekeeping devices in North America, keeping them accurate to a fraction of a second.

ìIf you shut down these stations, you turn off all those clocks,î said Don Sullivan, who managed the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) stations between 1994 and 2005.

The long-wave antenna for WWVB, which transmits a 60 kilohertz signal allowing clocks and watches to be automatically set to the correct time within a few hundredths of a second. [caption]

GPS not good enough

Some argue the terrestrial time signal have been rendered obsolete by the governmentís Global Positioning System, whose satellites also transmit time signals, but users disagree, noting GPS devices must have an unobstructed view of a number of satellites in space to properly function.

ìSixty kilohertz permeates in a way GPS canít,î Sullivan told VOA, explaining that WWVBís very low frequency signal can be received inside buildings and it is an important backup to GPS in case adversaries attempt to interfere with the satellite radio-navigation system.

WWV and WWVH broadcast on a number of shortwave frequencies, meaning their signals can be received globally.

The Trump administration proposes, in its Fiscal 2019 budget to Congress, cutting $26.6 million and 136 jobs from NISTís fundamental measurements, quantum science and measurement dissemination activities.

The budget document acknowledges that in addition to synchronizing clocks and watches, the time signals are also used in appliances, cameras and irrigation controllers.

ìItís crazy,î Sullivan said of the proposed cut. ìItís absolutely insane.î

NIST officials say they cannot comment on budget matters. The White House referred questions about NISTís funding to the Office of Management and Budget, which has not responded to an inquiry from VOA.

Oldest continuously operating radio station

WWV, the oldest continuously operating radio station in the United States, first went on the air from Washington in 1919, conducting propagation experiments and playing music. In the early years, it also transmitted ó via Morse code ó news reports prepared by the

Agriculture Department.

A cesium ìatomic clockî at WWV in Colorado. One second is defined as the period of the transition between two energy levels of the ground state of the Cesium-133 atom, making cesium oscillators the primary standard for time and frequency measurements. [caption]

The station subsequently was moved to Maryland and then to Colorado in 1966. WWV has been a frequency standard since 1922 and has disseminated official U.S. time since 1944.

All of the NIST stations rely on extremely precise atomic clocks for the accuracy of their time signals.

WWV, at two minutes past every hour, also transmits a 440 hertz note (A above middle C), something it has done since 1936, allowing musicians to tune their pianos and other instruments.

All three stations retain a huge following worldwide, according to Sullivan.

WWV and WWVH broadcasts can also be heard by telephone and about 2,000 calls are received daily, according to NIST. (To listen to the broadcasts by phone, dial +1-303-499-7111 for WWV and +1-808-335-4363 for WWVH.)

The telephone time-of-day service also is used to synchronize clocks and watches, and for the calibration of stopwatches and timers (although slightly less accurate than radio reception).

Tom Kelly, an amateur radio operator in the state of Oregon, has launched a petition to try to save the stations. His goal is to collect 100,000 online signatures from U.S. residents by September 15 that would compel a response from the White House.

Kellyís petition calls the stations ìan instrumental part in the telecommunications field, ranging from broadcasting to scientific research and education,î noting their transmissions of marine storm warnings, GPS satellite health reports and specific information about solar activity and radio propagation conditions.

Britain, China, Germany, Japan and Russia also have very low frequency time transmissions, but their stations are too distant to automatically set clocks in the United States.

Among other proposed cuts for NIST are its environmental measurement projects measuring the impact of aerosols on pollution and climate change and gas reference materials used by industry to reduce costs

of complying with regulations and the Urban Dome research grants for determining how to measure greenhouse gas emissions for cities and across regions.

Steve Herman is VOA's White House Bureau Chief.
(via Mike Cooper, DXLD; via Richard Langley, WOR iog via DXLD)

Weirdness; I have an MFJ-148RC WWVB clock & a Ravinia (Made in China; estate sale purchase) ìAtomicî clock. Last week, the Ravinia showed receiving OK, but was 3 seconds off. The MFJ clock was OK. After 2 days, the Ravinia returned to accurate time & has been accurate since. Ordinarily, Iíd blame things like this on the squirrels --- maybe Chinese squirrels (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, MARE Tipsheet 31 Aug via DXLD)

Clock changes: EU backs ending [sic] daylight saving [sic] time

https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-45366390
(via Gerald T Pollard, NC, DXLD) Viz.:

BBC 31 August 2018

The EU Commission is proposing to end the practice of adjusting clocks by an hour in spring and autumn after a survey found most Europeans opposed it.

Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker said millions "believe that in future, summer time should be year-round, and that's what will happen".

The Commission's proposal requires support from the 28 national governments and MEPs to become law.

In the EU clocks switch between winter and summer under daylight saving [sic] time.

A European Parliament resolution says it is "crucial to maintain a unified EU time regime".

However, the Commission has not yet drafted details of the proposed change.

In a consultation paper it said one option would be to let each member state decide whether to go for permanent summer or winter time. That would be "a sovereign decision of each member state", Commission spokesman Alexander Winterstein explained on Friday.

He stressed that the proposal was "to no longer constrain member

states into changing clocks twice per year".

The UK is one of the 28 nations, but is due to leave the European Union in March 2019. Any change would be unlikely to happen before then.

Mr Winterstein rejected a suggestion the proposal could cause particular difficulties in Ireland: "I don't see the link between our quest which is undiminished, to avoid a hard border on the island of Ireland, and our proposal, which will come in due course, to no longer constrain member states into changing clocks twice per year.

"One pertains to the internal market once adopted, the other initiative is to ensure the Good Friday Agreement and other safeguards remain in place."

The Commission warns that unco-ordinated time changes between member states would cause economic harm.

In the public consultation, 84% of 4.6 million respondents called for ending the spring and autumn clock change.

By far the biggest response was in Germany and Austria (3.79% and 2.94% of the national population respectively). The UK's response was lowest - 0.02% - but few Italians took part, either (0.04%). (via Gerald T Pollard, NC, DXLD; and via Mike Terry, WOR iog via DXLD)

EU to recommend that member states abolish [sic] daylight saving [sic] time

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/aug/31/eu-recommend-member-states-abolish-daylight-saving-time

EU to recommend end to changing clocks twice a year

Consultation finds more than 80% of EU citizens against biannual time changes

Sam Jones in Madrid and Daniel Boffey in Brussels
Fri 31 Aug 2018 11.26 EDT
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A technician changes a clock on a church in Dresden in March. Photograph: Sebastian Kahnert/AFP/Getty Images [caption]

The European commission will recommend that EU member states abandon the practice of changing the clocks in spring and autumn, with many

people in favour of staying on summer time throughout the year.

Jean-Claude Juncker, the commissionís president, said a recent consultation had shown that more than 80% of EU citizens were in favour of the move.

Modern tribes: the daylight saving bore [sidebar link]

ìWe carried out a survey, millions responded and believe that in future, summer time should be year-round, and thatís what will happen,î he told the German broadcaster ZDF.

ìI will recommend to the commission that, if you ask the citizens, then you have to do what the citizens say. We will decide on this today, and then it will be the turn of the member states and the European parliament.î

Any change would need approval from national governments and the European parliament to become law.

The proposed directive could fall foul of the Republic of Irelandís government, however, as it would open up the potential for the Republic to run on a different time to Northern Ireland for seven months of the year. Another potential outcome would be that mainland Britain and Northern Ireland would operate in different time zones after Brexit.

Under current EU legislation, citizens in all 28 EU countries have been required to move their clocks an hour forward on the last Sunday in March and switch back to winter time on the final Sunday in October.

The online poll suggested that more than 80% of Europeans were against the biannual ritual of changing the clocks, a practice used across most of Europe and North America.

Proponents of daylight saving have said the longer evening daylight hours in the summer help save energy and bolster productivity.

But opponents have argued that some people cannot easily adapt to the change and feel it has a short-term negative impact on their health.

Finland, which has the most northerly EU national capital, has called for the bloc to drop the biannual switch, while Lithuania has urged a review of the system to take into account regional and geographical differences.

ìThe commission regularly receives feedback from citizens on

the summertime issue, which often refer to what they perceive as negative health impacts of the disruptive time change relating to sleep deprivation and other kinds of negative consequences,î the commission said.

ìHowever, some also ask that the current system be maintained, as they believe it has positive effects.î

AdiÛs, siesta? Spain considers ending Franco's change to working hours [sidebar link]

The commission said in the consultation it had two choices: to keep the current EU summertime arrangements, or to drop the biannual changes and allow individual member states to decide whether they wanted to adopt permanent summer or winter time, or a different time.

Outside the EU, a handful of European countries have stopped switching between summer and winter time, including Russia, Turkey, Belarus and Iceland.

Issues of clocks, hours and working days are much discussed in Spain, which has been stranded in the wrong time zone for decades. In 2013, a parliamentary commission recommended that Spain shift its clocks back one hour.

Although the country used to be on the same time as the UK and Portugal, it has run an hour ahead since 1942, when Gen Francisco Franco moved it forward in solidarity with Hitlerís Germany. The commission also suggested that the long Spanish working day ñ including a two- or three-hour lunch break ñ be altered to resemble the 9am to 5pm model.

Spainís new socialist government signalled its support for the move on Friday afternoon. ìMaybe Spain should be in a different time zone,î said the foreign minister, Josep Borrell. ìFrankly, I donít know. Letís give the European parliament the chance to see whether it is capable of finding a common denominator among countries that are in such different geographic situations.î

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(via Eric Floden, Canada, DXLD)

Europe Should Be on Summertime Forever, EU Commission Says
https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-08-31/europe-should-be-on-summertime-forever-eu-s-juncker-says
(via Mike Cooper, GA, DXLD) viz.:

By Martin Sobczyk and Nikos Chrysoloras
August 31, 2018, 8:07 AM GMT Updated on August 31, 2018, 11:44 AM GMT

The European Union should scrap twice-yearly time changes and keep its clocks on what is currently summertime, said the blocís executive arm.

Jean-Claude Juncker === Photographer: Dario Pignatelli/Bloomberg

On Friday, the European Commission unveiled the results of a public consultation on the merits of the decades-old practice of capitalizing on natural daylight by putting clocks forward by 60 minutes between late March and late October, and then switching back for the winter.

ìThere was a public survey, millions answered, and are of the view that itís the summertime that should be used all the time in the future, and so it will be,î Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker said in an interview with German broadcaster ZDF ahead of the publication of the results. ìPeople want this, weíre doing this,î Juncker said.

Read more: [sidebar linx]
    It May Be Time to End Summer Time, European Assembly Says
    Japan Mulls Daylight Savings to Save Olympics From Summer Scorch
    Proof Daylight Saving Time Is Dumb, Dangerous, and Costly
    Breaking With Old Politics May Begin With Clock Change in Spain

The Commission said it received 4.6 million responses on the matter from all 28 Member States, the highest number of responses ever

received in any public consultation. According to the preliminary results, 84 percent of respondents are in favor of putting an end to the time changes.

While each of the EUís 28 member states can pick its time zone, switches from summertime to wintertime are centrally regulated, to avoid disruptions in the blocís single market. The Brussels-based commissionís regulatory proposal to scrap changes will be subject to approval by national governments and the European Parliament.

Three quarters of the respondents in the commissionís survey said that changing the clock twice a year is a ìvery negativeî or ìnegativeî experience, citing health impacts, an increase in road accidents or the lack of energy savings.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel concurred on Friday.

ìI personally think itís a very high priorityî to stop clock change, she said during a visit to Nigeria, according to Deutsche Presse-Agentur newswire.

ó With assistance by Lukas Strobl
(Updates with German chancellor reaction from seventh paragraph.)
(via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

Around this time every year letters appear in the papers advocating year round DST in the UK. What they fail to realise, or are too young to know, was that this was tried for a couple of years in the late 60s.

The Scottish farmers hated it. I hated it as cycling to work in the dark was awful in addition to coming home in the dark. Children walking to school in the dark was hazardous.

The Greenwich meridian passes north to south through France and a small part of Spain, most of Spain being to the west of it meaning true time there is UTC minus a small bit. Would these countries really want UTC + 2 in winter meaning it would not get light till after 10:00?

A particular problem in the UK if this happened and the UK made no changes would be radio controlled clocks using DSF77 would be wrong in winter. Some can be manually adjusted, some canít.
Regards, (Gareth Foster, Sept 2, bdxc-news iog via DXLD)

Annual Maintenance Shutdown of the MSF Service
3 - 21 September 2018 --- Find out more
http://npl.msgfocus.com/c/16OPsw0EZTICFXaYOERbm

The annual maintenance shutdown of the MSF service to allow safe maintenance of the masts and antennas, including greasing of the stays, will take place between 3 - 12 September 2018.

The service will be off-air from:
08:00 to 18:00 BST each day, including weekends.

If the weather is unsuitable for work to be carried out, then the service will not be turned off. If the work is completed sooner than 18:00 BST on any day, the service will be restored as soon as possible.

The MSF radio signal is a dedicated time broadcast that provides an accurate and reliable source of UK civil time, based on the NPL time scale UTC (NPL). (via Mike Terry, WOR iog via DXLD)

DX-PEDITIONS [and non]
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SDR ELAD Recordings

Please find for your listening pleasure the following recording made using an ELAD SDR FDM-S2 on 1200 foot BOG antenna. This was made from Corpus Christi on October 16th 2016 at 9:58pm local time

https://www.dropbox.com/s/l2b8xw3eux7qpry/
2016_10_16_02_58_00_FDMSW1_Rec_RF_000.zip?dl=0

I will have it up for 1 week and I will remove it from the dropbox and replace with another recording. Enjoy! (James Niven, Austin, Texas, Sept 1, nrc-am gg via DXLD)

RF capture file upload samples

On a couple of lists there was discussion of sharing RF capture files so that other DXers can collaborate on solving unID's much as the RealDX Yahoogroup does with audio clips. Sometimes one DXer's down in the mud toughie is another's local pest. Also a DXer can get a general feel of DX in another part of the world, possibly before making a trip near there, as one also can sometimes do with online SDR's.

Guy Atkins had mentioned his collection at the link below:
http://www.mediafire.com/folder/1shbad73mby1c/wav

I have a few RF capture files in the cloud also. These include:
file=P_20101111_2200z_630-1430.wav
Perseus file of 630-1430 kHz : 11 NOV 2010 : ~2200 UTC

Powder Point - Duxbury, MA (42.0464 N / 70.6512 W)

http://www.mediafire.com/file/k0zxvd3do1yevdd/P_20101111_2200z_630-1430.wav

I might be uploading one of Roy Barstow's Elad files at some point. (Mark Connelly, WA1ION, South Yarmouth, MA, IRCA at HCDX, via DXLD)

James, Any certain frequency we should check? (Chuck Reh, ibid.)

Chuck, No, just enjoy listening from Radio in Texas if you have not experienced this. There are all sorts of interesting stations there. I am just sharing as others have shared their own recordings (James Niven, Austin, Texas, ibid.)

Which APP would you suggest for opening your SDR files? (Colin Newell - Victoria - B.C. CANADA -, ibid.)

The ELAD software is free. You'll be able to play the wav file but won't be able to use the radio features without the ELAD hardware. Get the
3_019_FDM-SW2_Complete_(first_installation_run_setup.exe).

http://sdr.eladit.com/FDM-sw2%20Software/index.php?lang=EN
(Reh, ibid.)

ELAD recordings can also be replayed using HDSDR, SDR Console, Studio One and probably a few others. There's a learning curve for all of them. HDSDR is probably the easiest to figure out. Studio One needs to be purchased before you can use it, the others are free (Bruce Portzer, WA, IRCA at HCDX via DXLD)

Oddly, SpectraVue from RFSpace
http://www.rfspace.com/RFSPACE/SpectraVue.html
also plays back ELAD recordings. best wishes, (Nick Hall-Patch, BC, ibid.)

And someone needs to mention that SDR Radio (Simon Brown) supports the Elad family (and much more) in his SDR Console. Some might argue, but I guess it supports more radios and does more things than any other program (Chuck Hutton, IRCA, ibid.)

Thanks, James, for sharing. What we have in common are the Cubans which are quite pesty on both your end and here. The recording is of historical interest too. Many Mexican stations, likely including some in your capture, are migrating to FM, vacating AM (Mark Connelly, WA1ION, South Yarmouth, MA, Nrc-am gg via DXLD)

A few audio clips from Roy Barstow's Elad capture (Cape Cod)

The USB stick from Roy Barstow arrived and I went over the RF capture file he made at 0100 UT / 27 AUG. Conditions were somewhat auroral at the time. First is the recording of an English language station on 729 believed to be South Africa. [see UNIDENTIFIED above]

Overall the capture was slightly more interesting than average though the site Roy uses in Falmouth, MA is besieged by powerhouse signals from the metro-NYC area, worse than here in that respect.

Here are a few other audio clips from Roy's file:

610 Brazil
https://app.box.com/s/scpd4yf9z6oind73k0f6zw52cirfi429

1220 Brazil
https://app.box.com/s/qmiua5ruy2c6h7wwcxp0bmszoygh6yk0

1290.3 Brazil
https://app.box.com/s/4pg1w9vf7jyzj01h2nrohmsy7cbhbp3q

800 PJB Bonaire
https://app.box.com/s/0pnl09qu54yfzviijq2lrop59m1owx8i
(Mark Connelly, WA1ION, South Yarmouth, MA, nrc-am gg via DXLD)

New Grayland SDR WAV Files

I've uploaded three new IQ WAV files for interested DXers to download. These are from August 8th and 9th, during and after local sunrise in Grayland, WA. Antenna used was a 160 ft. DKAZ, within a few hundred yards of the Pacific Ocean.

Although recorded in SDRuno, the files play fine in SDR-Console V3 and HDSDR too. Size is about 2GB each:

<goog_1699139660>
http://www.mediafire.com/file/szydaas173ga654/SDRuno_20180808_125544Z_1120kHz.wav/file

<goog_1699139663>
http://www.mediafire.com/file/tcnc23013bzejex/atkins_grayland_9aug18_1309utc_530-1700khz.wav/file

http://www.mediafire.com/file/59apymtuzy1uaha/atkins_grayland_9aug18_1254utc_530-1700khz.wav/file

Not to be missed in these files is the often-excellent signal of A3Z Nuku'alofa, Tonga on 1017 kHz. A lot of Australian reception abounds,

too. 73, (Guy Atklns, Puyallup, WA, IRCA via DXLD)

Please find for your DXing enjoyment, SDR recordings I made last night at 8 pm from home base using a ELAD FDM-S2 SDR with SDR Console V3 software. The antenna here is a 140 foot DKAZ at 120degrees. I thought some other locations may like to experience DXing radio conditions from Central Texas east of Austin.

https://mega.nz/#F!3TZ2lCDT!E9-S6_kMw2zVxlepIPxv1w
Feedback is welcome! (James Niven, Austin, Texas, nrc-am gg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING - DRM See KUWAIT; NIGERIA; USA: WINB
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See also MEXICO
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ANALOG CABLE LEAKAGE AND DTV REPACKING

Neal, The interference to the cable signal from broadcast signals mainly occurs from the cable system picking up the over the air signals on their cable runs. When there were over the air analog signals. The local broadcast towers are about 17 miles away and their towers can be seen, so there is a direct line of sight to their transmitters. The UHF signals were picked up by the cable system and there was "interference" on the channels that corresponded to analog 16, 22 & 28. I believe channel 16 corresponded to channel 67 on the cable system (if I recall correctly). There was a distant broadcast channel carried on cable channel 67 that would get interference in certain areas of the cable system. Shielded coax will pick up over the air signals. Cable systems now only use coax to carry the signals into the homes or businesses. I believe the main "cables" that carry the signals are now fiber optic. Older TV sets would pick up over the air signals mainly because they used 300 ohm twin lead from the antenna connections at the back of the set to the tuners. The 300 ohm lines inside the TV would receive the local broadcast signals.

When the local channels changed over to digital, two of the UHF channels switched to channels 11 & 13. The cable system closest to those VHF transmitters had to move those stations to the same channels on the cable system to eliminate interference to other signals that were being carried on 11 & 13 (Bob Seaman Hazleton, PA, seamanrobert7@gmail.com WTFDA gg via DXLD)

Modern CATV networks are constructed with a combination of fiber optics and coaxial cable. The coax is built with a solid aluminum shield to prevent signal ingress from, or egress to, the surrounding space. All devices (splices, amplifiers, couplers, etc.) are connected

with connectors designed to prevent ingress/egress. This design ensures that the cable network does not pick up over-the-air signals.

Of course leaks may occur for any number of reasons including wind-induced cracks, temperature-cycling cracks, and damage due to such factors as errant vehicles hitting utility poles and errant backhoes hitting underground cables. Cable TV operators continuously monitor their networks to detect and repair such leaks.

Such monitoring is a standard procedure as well as an FCC requirement.
https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/cable-signal-leakage

> "interference" on the channels that corresponded to analog 16, 22 & 28. I believe channel 16 corresponded to channel 67 on the cable system (if I recall correctly).

Correct, almost.

UHF Channel 16 is 482-488 MHz. Visual carrier is 483.2500.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_American_television_frequencies

CATV Channel 67 is 480-486 MHz. Visual carrier is 481.2500
http://theoldcatvequipmentmuseum.org/300/304/CATV_Channels/index.html

Which means that the interfering carrier from UHF16 would land in the middle of the upper sideband of the CATV signal.

> There was a distant broadcast channel carried on cable channel 67 that would get interference in certain areas of the cable system. Shielded coax will pick up over the air signals.

Not always. Depends on the type of cable, the integrity of the shield, and the relative levels of the interfering signal vis-‡-vis the desired signal. Cables with braided shields, such as RG-6 and RG-59, are not 100% shielded and may pick up strong interference signals. Cables with solid aluminum shields are virtually free of interference -- provided, however, that there are no leaks as noted in paragraph 2 above.
http://www.annsgarden.com/poles/poles.htm#strand

> Cable systems now only use coax to carry the signals into the homes or businesses. I believe the main "cables" that carry the signals are now fiber optic.

Depends on the design of individual networks. A common configuration is fiber from the headend to a junction box. The junction box may be a large enclosure attached to a pole or sitting on the ground near

a street curb. Coax then connects the junction box to individual homes or apartments.

Alternatively fiber may extend to a smaller box attached to the side (or in the basement) of a dwelling unit. "FTTH" as in "Fiber to the Home."

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Agreed.

> those VHF transmitters had to move those stations to the same channels on the cable system to eliminate interference to other signals that were being carried on 11 & 13.

Well yes, assuming that the digital signal is, in fact, carried on the designated RF channel. But since the digital conversion, "channel number" is more of a trademark than an actual frequency designator. A station branding itself as "Channel 2" because it used to transmit its analog signal on channel 2 may actually transmit on a different RF channel.

Example: KPRC-TV, Houston brands itself as "Click 2 Houston" but actually transmits on RF Channel 35.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/KPRC-TV

It appears that the three channels you mention (16, 22, and 28) are virtual channels too, not RF channels.
16 WNEP-TV Scranton PA (RF Channel 50)
22 WYOU Scranton PA (RF Channel 13)
28 WBRE-TV Wilkes-Barre PA (RF Channel 11)
https://www.rabbitears.info/market.php?request=print_market&mktid=68

This situation will become more important as a result of the FCC's recent "repack" effort designed to clear channels above 37 for "personal communications services" (i.e., cell phones). Under this plan all stations above 37 must move to channels below 37. In some cases two stations in the same market may share the same RF channel. But even in these cases each station can keep its old analog channel number as its trademark/brand.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spectrum_reallocation#Broadcast_incentive_auction

RF Channel 37 continues to be reserved for radio astronomy.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Channel_37

BTW I note that Hazleton is about 20 miles from Mahanoy City. I

assume you're aware that one of the earliest CATV systems was built by John Walson, owner of an appliance store in Mahanoy City. Former WFTDA member Robert B. ("Coop") Cooper wrote a lengthy narrative about the early history of the cable TV industry, including Walson's contributions. I have posted a copy of his narrative on The Old CATV Equipment Website. The Walson story appears in Part 2.
http://theoldcatvequipmentmuseum.org/220/226/index.html
(Neal McLain, Retired Cable Guy, Brazoria, Texas, ibid.)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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Tecsun S-8800 Review --- by 13dka

Looking for a new toy again, I recently revisited the Tecsun S-8800, which looked like it could replace both my battered old Grundig Satellit and my Tecsun PL-660. Being in production for a few years now, and with the ìbirdiesî situation ironed out long ago, the S-8800 has gathered much acclaim by now but also a few somewhat contradicting reviews. For example, one review reports that the S-8800 can cope with larger antennas, another one states the exact opposite, one praises the MW performance, another one attests only average sensitivity, and only one mentioned an unpleasant detail Iím going to emphasize on in a bit.

All reviews touted the improved SW performance in AM and SSB though, and that was reason enough to make my own experiences. Testing it turned out to be a bit of an emotional rollercoaster, though.

I hope I can share more than only redundant bits of information about the radio, and Iíll skip most of the general information you can read in most other reviews.

Off to the 13dka radio test site at the dike!
https://swling.com/blog/2018/08/a-detailed-review-of-the-tecsun-s-8800-and-comparison-with-the-tecsun-pl-660-xhdata-d-808/

Compares the Tecsun S-8800 to the PL-660 and the XHDATA D-808.
(via Mike Bott, bdxc-news iog via DXLD)

Supercharging the XHDATA D-808-- Full Construction Article

The new XHDATA D-808 AM-LW-FM-SW-AIR portable has been a very pleasant surprise among radios introduced this year. With good stock sensitivity on the both the AM and FM bands, multiple DSP filtering choices and SSB capability, the radio is a tremendous value for those living outside of North America (at around $70).

Because the Chinese-made model has obviously been "inspired" (to use a generous term) by the C.Crane Skywave SSB model (which was manufactured at the nearby Redsun factories in China), direct shipments of the D-808 from China to North American purchasers seem to have been forbidden by XHDAT.A, though. This is apparently to avoid a copyright lawsuit from C.Crane, whose Skywave SSB circuitry is quite closely duplicated in the D-808. A single eBay seller has devised a way to skirt around this restriction by shipping to North America through Israel, though-- ending up with a booming business by selling 62 models to the USA and Canada at the marked up price of $112.87 + $10 shipping.

Despite its murky design pedigree, though, there is no doubt about the radio's excellent potential. It is controlled by the SiLabs Si4735 DSP chip, offering multiple DSP selectivity choices along with the SSB capability. If you have purchased the D-808 and are satisfied with its stock performance, that's wonderful. But if you would like to transform it into something like a dream travel portable, why not consider installation of a 7.5 inch Medium Wave or Longwave loopstick? Both of those models have been built here, and they are real thrillers. The 7.5" Medium Wave loopstick D-808 model was taken to the Rockwork ocean cliff in Oregon state recently, where it received the following signal from 1017-A3Z in Tonga (10 kW at 5,632 miles/ 9,064 km) all by itself at 1301 UTC on August 8th. It is even picks up the 5 kW Australian horse racing station 2KY (in Sydney) as a weak co-channel in the middle of the recording https://dreamcrafts.box.com/s/tp3i89vky6p7hbylgkk1bp4pa5nvnuku

For those who would like to construct one of these 7.5" loopstick D-808 models, a full construction article is being prepared. The article is complete through the introduction, background information on the model and the construction parts list, and the partial article up to that point is posted at http://www.mediafire.com/file/yc29lowg0do41d1/Supercharging_the_XHDATA_D_-_Copy.doc/file

The link is provided for those who wish to order the construction parts while the rest of the article is being wrapped up, which should be completed in about a week. Good luck to all who take the plunge! 73 and Good DX, (Gary DeBock (in Puyallup, WA, USA), nrc-am gg via DXLD)

Hi Gary, This is another great write-up as usual! Thanks for taking the time to document your hot rodding of the D-808.

If I recall, weren't you also one of the initial USA purchasers of the D-808 as I was, for a bargain-basement price of ~$68 USD, shipped? A seller on Aliexpress.com was offering it for this price. Mine came

promptly and was very well packed for transit from China. Not long after this, the phenomenal $68 price disappeared; hopefully the seller didn't "disappear" also :^(

It was after this early, very low price was yanked that we started seeing ridiculous offers on the D-808 ("just $75.00 + $500.00 shipping", etc.), until the situation settled down to the current $112.87 + $10.00 shipping to the USA.

BTW, I don't know why but I've tried downloading your article more than once, but only the first half of the article appears. It ends just after entry "J" under Construction Parts. 73, (Guy Atkins, Puyallup, WA, IRCA via DXLD)

Hi Guy, Thanks for your comments on the article, which are greatly appreciated (especially with only the first 5 pages completed!). And yes, although this initial posting does include some background information on the D-808 and the construction project, it was mainly sent out so that interested DXers could order the construction parts in advance, and have them ready to go when the full article is wrapped up in about a week.

Yes, I do recall your excellent initial review of the D-808 portable on the SWLing.com website back around January, which was around the time that the first D-808 models were showing up in Japan, and elsewhere. I attempted to order a D-808 from Aliexpress.com at that time, but was told that they didn't ship to the USA or Canada (although they did ship to Mexico, with the bargain $70 price--which is apparently still the case).

Lacking any friends in Mexico I made arrangements with long-term Ultralight fanatic Hiroyuki Okamura in Yokosuka, Japan, who shipped me a stock D-808 in exchange for a hot-rodded Skywave SSB model (an indication of my desperation to get my hands on a D-808). Of course immediately after that a new eBay seller showed up shipping the D-808 to the USA and Canada at the somewhat inflated price of $112.87 plus $10 shipping -- who must now be nearing early retirement after selling 62 models in 5 months.

As far as I know, Guy, the very early D-808 supply route that you took advantage of closed down immediately, as XHDATA apparently never intended to sell the model openly in North America. You should consider yourself extremely lucky :-)

Gary (in the crowded valley, with the enhanced State Fair traffic), ibid.)

Lockwood Travels the Globe for AM

Hatfield & Dawson engineer handles issues for broadcasters, power and cell companies --- Leslie Stimson, Aug 14, 2013

Lockwood on a Qatar Coast Guard tower at Al Aish Qatar. He was helping with electromagnetic compatibility issues caused by proximity to a 2 MW medium-wave station about a mile away. The AM antenna system was designed by duTreil Lundin & Rackley /Hatfield & Dawson Joint Venture and constructed by Harris Broadcast. [caption]

SEATTLE ó Stephen S. Lockwood is a senior professional engineer and a partner with Hatfield & Dawson Consulting Engineers; his communications career has spanned more than 28 years. He works on both AM and FM engineering projects but specializes in AM, and is slated to take part in a session at the upcoming Radio Show about AM technical solutions to revitalize the senior band. . . https://www.radioworld.com/news-and-business/lockwood-travels-the-globe-for-am (via DXLD)

Whoís Got the Biggest, Meanest AM Flamethrower?

More broadcasters than you might realize are helping keep the ionosphere warm (and the power companies happy)
James E. O'Neal 11 hours ago

In the May 9 issue of Radio World, I reported on a recent power upgrade at TWRís Bonaire AM facility that brought that station close to the half-megawatt level (440 kW), allowing the station to make the claim that it is the most powerful medium-wave (MW) operation in the Western Hemisphere. After the dust settled, I thought it might be interesting to poke around a bit in the data available to see if they have a close (or even not-so-close) contender for second place for this title.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

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Radio Mitre

With only a few exceptions, U.S. stations have been capped at
50 kW since this power level was authorized by the Federal Radio
Commission in the late 1920s. Powel Crosley Jr.ís WLW 500,000 kW
1930s ìexperimentalî operation is one very well-known example, as
it received a lot of publicity during the five years or so during
it operated before being powered down. However, there was another
much less well-known superpower operation during that period (it
actually beat WLW to the punch by putting 400,000 Watts on the air
about three years before Crosley was ready to belt out his hundreds
of kilowatts). . . . [much more]
https://www.radioworld.com/news-and-business/whos-got-the-biggest-meanest-am-flamethrower
(Radio World via DXLD)

He goes on and on to compare WRTH 2018 listings with FCC info about
Latin American stations, the latter grossly out of date, but he
doesn`t seem to realize that (gh, DXLD)

PROPAGATION
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Current solar activity and magnetic storms. Space weather.

Laboratory of X-ray Astronomy of the Sun, LPI
http://tesis.lebedev.ru/magnetic_storms.html
TECHNOLOGY RADIOPRYEMA - NEW TECHNOLOGIES (Victor Samodelkin /
https://vk.com/radioreceiver via RusDX Sept 2 via DXLD)

:Product: Weekly Highlights and Forecasts
:Issued: 2018 Sep 03 0229 UTC
Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction
Center
Product description and SWPC contact on the Web
http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/weekly.html
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Weekly Highlights and Forecasts
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Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 27 August-2 September 2018

Solar activity was at very low levels. Both Regions 2719 (S07, L=131
class/area Cro/040 on 23 Aug) and 2720 (N08, L=136 class/area
Dao/100 on 25 Aug) quietly rotated off the disk on 29 Aug as areas
of plage. Region 2720 resided on the disk as a low latitude, reverse
polarity group. No Earth-directed CMEs were observed.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit was at

very high levels on 28-29 Aug and at high levels on 27 Aug, 30-31 Aug and 01-02 Sep). A peak flux of 97,630 pfu was observed at 28/2145 UTC.

Geomagnetic field activity ranged from unsettled to G1 (Minor) and G2 (Moderate) storm levels on 27 Aug followed by unsettled to active levels on 28 Aug. Quiet levels persisted on 29 Aug - 02 Sep. The period began under the continued, but waning, effects from the 19 and 20 Aug CMEs. This was coupled with influence from a positive polarity CH HSS. Solar wind speeds began the period near 550 km/s and gradually increased to a peak speed of 666 km/s observed at 17/1730 UTC. Total IMF reached 7 nT at 27/1607 UTC while the Bz component reached a maximum southward extent of -6 nT at 27/1627 UTC.

By midday on 28 Aug, field activity declined to quiet levels and remained so through the end of the summary period. The IMF was at nominal levels while solar wind speed gradually decreased to near 340 km/s by the end of the period.

Forecast of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 03 - 29 September 2018

Solar activity is expected to be at very low levels through the outlook period. A slight chance for low levels is possible from 05-24 Sep with the return of old Regions 2718 (S07, L=191), 2719 (S07, L=131) and 2720 (N08, L=136).

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at high levels on 03-04 Sep, 13-20 Sep and 23-26 Sep due to recurrent CH HSS influence. Normal to moderate levels are expected on 05-12 Sep, 21-22 Sep and 27-29 Sep.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at unsettled levels on 03 Sep due to effects from a SSBC. Unsettled to active levels are anticipated on 07-09 Sep, 11-17 Sep and 22-23 Sep with G1 (Minor) geomagnetic storm levels possible on 11 Sep, all due to CH HSS activity.

:Product: 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table 27DO.txt
:Issued: 2018 Sep 03 0229 UTC
Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center
Product description and SWPC contact on the Web
http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html
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27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

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#          Issued 2018-09-03
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#  Date       10.7 cm      A Index    Kp Index
2018 Sep 03    68        8        3
2018 Sep 04    68        5        2
2018 Sep 05    70        5        2
2018 Sep 06    70        5        2
2018 Sep 07    70        8        3
2018 Sep 08    70       12        4
2018 Sep 09    70        8        3
2018 Sep 10    72        5        2
2018 Sep 11    75       18        5
2018 Sep 12    75       15        4
2018 Sep 13    75       12        4
2018 Sep 14    75       12        4
2018 Sep 15    75       10        3
2018 Sep 16    75       15        4
2018 Sep 17    75       10        3
2018 Sep 18    72        5        2
2018 Sep 19    72        5        2
2018 Sep 20    72        5        2
2018 Sep 21    72        5        2
2018 Sep 22    72       12        4
2018 Sep 23    70        8        3
2018 Sep 24    68        5        2
2018 Sep 25    68        5        2
2018 Sep 26    68        5        2
2018 Sep 27    68        5        2
2018 Sep 28    68        5        2
2018 Sep 29    68        5        2
(SWPC via DXLD)
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TIPS FOR RATIONAL LIVING
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FAHRENHEIT 11/9 --- A NOTE FROM MICHAEL MOORE

https://michaelmoore.com/fahrenheit-119-note-from-michael-moore/
(via gh, DXLD) ###